

SCHEDULE 1000—Continued

	Fee
Authorization to Use Bulk Parcel Return Service	100.00

Attachment B to the Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on the Further Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission in Docket No. R97-1

Changes to the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule

Amend the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule by Inserting Italicized Text and Deleting Bracketed Text as Follows:

**STANDARD MAIL
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE**

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323.2 Library Subclass

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[323.22 Basic Rate Category. The basic rate category applies to all Library subclass mail.]

323.22 Single-Piece Rate Category. The single-piece rate category applies to Library subclass mail not mailed under section 323.23 or 323.24.

323.23 Level A Presort Rate Category. The Level A presort rate category applies to mailings of at least 500 pieces of Library subclass mail, prepared and presorted to five-digit destination ZIP Codes as specified by the Postal Service.

323.24 Level B Presort Rate Category. The Level B presort rate category applies to mailings of at least 500 pieces of Library subclass mail, prepared and presorted to destination Bulk Mail Centers as specified by the Postal Service.

323.2[3]5 Barcoded Discount. The barcoded discount applies to Library subclass mail that is entered at designated facilities, bears a barcode specified by the Postal Service, is prepared as specified by the Postal Service in a mailing of at least 50 pieces, and meets all other preparation and machinability requirements of the Postal Service.

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382 Special and Library Subclasses

A presort mailing fee as set forth in Schedule 1000 must be paid once each year at each office of mailing by or for any person who mails presorted Special or Library subclass mail. Any person who engages a business concern or other individuals to mail presorted Special or Library subclass mail must pay the fee.

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Correction to Fee Schedule 943 Published at 63 FR 39143 (July 21, 1998)

FEE SCHEDULE 943

Insurance	Fee (in addition to postage)
Express Mail Insurance	
Document Reconstruction Coverage:	
\$0.01 to \$500	No charge.
Merchandise Coverage:	
\$0.01 to \$500	No charge.
500.01 to \$5000	\$0.95 for each \$100 (or fraction thereof) over \$500 value.
General Insurance Coverage	
\$ 0.01 to \$50	\$0.85 ¹
50.01 to 100	\$1.80 ¹
100.01 to 5000	\$1.80 plus \$0.95 for each \$100 (or fraction thereof) over \$100 in coverage ¹ .

¹ For bulk insurance, deduct \$0.40 per piece.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

[Rel. No. IC-23514; 812-10734]

CD Radio Inc.; Notice of Application

November 2, 1998.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

ACTION: Notice of application for an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicant requests an order exempting it from all provisions of the Act until the earlier of one year from the date the requested order is issued or the date applicant ceases to be an investment company.

FILING DATE: The application was filed on July 22, 1997, and amended on August 6, 1998. Applicant has agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is included in this notice.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be

received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on November 27, 1998, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, SEC, 450 5th Street NW, Washington, DC 20549. Applicant, 14th Floor, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019-6064.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa McCrea, Attorney Adviser, at (202) 942-0562, or Nadya B. Roytblat, Assistant Director, at (202) 942-0564

(Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549 (tel. 202-942-8090).

Applicant's Representations

1. Applicant is a Delaware corporation formed in 1990 and engaged in the business of developing a national satellite broadcast system to provide digital audio radio service ("Service"). In October 1997, applicant was granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to build, launch and operate the Service.

2. To obtain the funds needed to pay for the FCC License, in 1997 applicant completed a public stock offering, a public debt offering, and a private placement of its common stock. Pending utilization in building the Service, the proceeds of the offerings were used to pay for the FCC License and invested in a money market fund, U.S. government securities, commercial paper, and a bank certificate of deposit.

3. For applicant to continue to hold the FCC License, applicant must satisfy certain progress requirements, including meeting certain deadlines for the construction and launch of satellites, and a deadline for the Service to be in full operation. Satisfying these requirements will require significant expenditures. Applicant currently expects to commence operations of the Service by the first quarter of the year 2000.

Applicant's Legal Analysis

1. Under section 3(a)(1)(C) of the Act, an issuer is an investment company if it "is engaged or proposes to engage in the business of investing, reinvesting, owning, holding, or trading in securities, and owns or proposes to acquire investment securities having a value exceeding 40 percent of the value of such issuer's total assets (exclusive of Government securities and cash items) on an unconsolidated basis." Section 3(a)(2) of the Act defines "investment securities" to include all securities except government securities, and securities which are issued by majority-owned subsidiaries of the owner which are not investment companies, and are not relying on the exception from the definition of investment company in section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the Act.

2. Applicant states that, pending utilization in building and operating the System, the proceeds of applicant's

offerings of its stock may be held in "investment securities" within the meaning of section 3(a)(2) of the Act. As of June 30, 1998, approximately 44% of applicant's total assets consisted of "investment securities." Applicant states, therefore, that it may come within the definition of investment company in section 3(a)(1)(C) of the Act. Applicant also states that it anticipates raising additional funds to complete the development of the System, and will place the proceeds in U.S. government securities and shares of money market funds to be drawn down as needed to complete the construction and operate the System.

3. Section 6(c) of the Act permits the SEC to exempt any person, security, or transaction from any provision of the Act, if and to the extent that the exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

4. Applicant requests an exemption under section 6(c) from all provisions of the Act until the earlier of one year from the date the requested order is issued or the date applicant ceases to be an investment company. Applicant believes that within this period it will have sufficient expenditures of funds on the establishment of the Service and the acquisition of non-investment assets to cure its temporary status under section 3(a)(1)(C) of the Act.

5. Applicant asserts that, as a company that was created to build and operate the Service, applicant is not the type of entity that was intended to be governed by the Act. Applicant states that, since its inception, its principal activities have been in technology development, pursuing regulatory approval for the Service, discussions with radio manufacturers and automakers, market research, design and development, development of a mobile demonstration program, contract negotiations with satellite and launch vehicle contractors, technical efforts with respect to standards and specifications, and securing adequate working capital. Applicant thus asserts that the requested relief is consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

Applicant's Conditions

Applicant agrees that the requested exemption will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant will not purchase or otherwise acquire any securities other than shares of a money market fund and U.S. Government securities.

2. Applicant will not hold itself out as being engaged in the business of investing, reinvesting, owning, holding, or trading in securities.

3. Applicant will allocate and utilize its accumulated cash and securities for the purpose of funding its satellite radio system business.

For the SEC, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rel. No. IC-23517; File No. 812-11208]

John Hancock Bond Trust, et al.; Notice of Application

November 2, 1998.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Notice of application for an order pursuant to Section 11(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act").

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants seek an order approving the terms of offers of exchange by the Funds, as defined below, and John Hancock Funds, Inc. ("JHFI") to certain holders of variable annuity contracts ("Contracts") issued by Variable Annuity Accounts U and V of John Hancock and Variable Annuity Account I of JHVLICO (collectively, the "Accounts").

APPLICANTS: John Hancock Bond Trust, John Hancock Capital Series, John Hancock Current Interest, John Hancock Investment Trust, John Hancock Investment Trust II, John Hancock Investment Trust III, John Hancock Series Trust, John Hancock Bond Fund, John Hancock Special Equities Fund, John Hancock Strategic Series, John Hancock World Fund (the "Funds"), JHFI, John Hancock Variable Life Insurance Company ("JHVLICO") and John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company ("John Hancock," together with JHVLICO, JHFI and the Funds, "Applicants").

FILING DATES: The application was filed on June 29, 1998, and amended on October 30, 1998.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the Commission and serving Applicants with a copy of the request, personally or