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J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Regulation FD; OMB Control No. 3235-0536; SEC File No. 270-475.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Regulation FD—Other Disclosure Materials requires public disclosure of material information from issuers of publicly traded securities so that investors have current information upon which to base investment decisions. The purpose of the regulation is to require that: (1) When an issuer intentionally discloses material information, it does so through public disclosure, not selective disclosure; and (2) whenever an issuer learns that it has made a non-intentional material selective disclosure, the issuer makes prompt public disclosure of that information.

Regulation FD was adopted due to a concern that the practice of selective disclosure leads to a loss of investor confidence in the integrity of our capital markets. All information is provided to the public for review. The information required is filed on occasion and is mandatory. We estimate that approximately 13,000 issuers make

Regulation FD disclosures approximately five times a year for a total of 58,000 issuers make Regulation FD disclosures approximately five times a year for a total of 58,000 submissions annually, not including an estimated 7,000 issuers who file Form 8-K to comply with Regulation FD. We estimate that it takes approximately 5 hours per response (58,000 × 5 hours) for a total burden of 290,000 hours annually. The filer prepares 25% of the 290,000 annual burden hours for a total of 72,500 burden hours.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or send an e-mail to David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Extension:

Rule 12a-5; SEC File No. 270-85; OMB Control No. 3235-0079.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 12a-5—Temporary Exemption of Substituted or Additional Securities

Section 12(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") generally makes it unlawful for any security to be traded on a national securities exchange unless such security is registered on the exchange in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

Rule 12a-5 (the "Rule") under the Act and Form 26 (the "Form") were adopted by the Commission in 1936 and 1955, respectively, pursuant to Sections 3(a)(12), 10(b), and 23(a) of the Act. Subject to certain conditions, Rule 12a-5 affords a temporary exemption (generally for up to 120 days) from the registration requirements of Section 12(a) of the Act for a new security when the holders of a security admitted to trading on a national securities exchange obtain the right (by operation of law or otherwise) to acquire all or any part of a class of another or substitute security of the same or another issuer, or an additional amount of the original security. The purpose of the exemption is to avoid an interruption of exchange trading to afford time for the issuer of the new security to list and register it, or for the exchange to apply for unlisted trading privileges.

Under paragraph (d) of Rule 12a-5, after an exchange has taken action to admit any security to trading pursuant to the provisions of the Rule, the exchange is required to file with the Commission a notification on Form 26. Form 26 provides the Commission with certain information regarding a security admitted to trading on an exchange pursuant to Rule 12a-5, including: (1) The name of the exchange, (2) the name of the issuer, (3) a description of the security, (4) the date(s) on which the security was or will be admitted to when-issued and/or regular trading, and (5) a brief description of the transaction pursuant to which the security was or will be issued.

The Commission generally oversees the national securities exchanges. This mission requires that, under Section 12(a) of the Act specifically, the Commission receive notification of any securities that are permitted to trade on an exchange pursuant to the temporary exemption under Rule 12a-5. Without the Rule and the Form, the Commission would be unable fully to implement these statutory responsibilities.

There are currently eight national securities exchanges subject to Rule 12a-5. While the Commission staff estimates that there could be as many as 40 Forms 26 filed annually, the

reporting burdens are not typically spread evenly among the exchanges.¹ For purposes of this analysis of burden, however, the staff has assumed that each exchange files an equal number (five) of Form 26 notifications. Each notification requires approximately 20 minutes to complete. Each respondent's compliance burden, then, in a given year would be approximately 100 minutes (20 minutes/report \times 5 reports = 100 minutes), which translates to just over 13 hours in the aggregate for all respondents (8 respondents \times 100 minutes/respondent = 800 minutes, or 13 $\frac{1}{3}$ hours).

Based on the most recent available information, the Commission staff estimates that the cost to respondents of completing a notification on Form 26 is, on average, \$14.35 per response. The staff estimates that the total annual related reporting cost per respondent is \$71.75 (5 responses/respondent \times \$14.35 cost/response), for a total annual related cost to all respondents of \$574 (\$71.75 cost/respondent \times 8 respondents).

Compliance with Rule 12a-5 is required to obtain the benefit of the temporary exemption from registration offered by the Rule. Rule 12a-5 does not have a record retention requirement *per se*. However, responses made pursuant to Rule 12a-5 are subject to the recordkeeping requirements of Rules 17a-3 and 17a-4 of the Act. Information received in response to Rule 12a-5 shall not be kept confidential; the information collected is public information.

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¹ In fact, some exchanges do not file any notifications on Form 26 with the Commission in a given year.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-27224; 812-12969]

John Hancock Capital Series, *et al.*; Notice of Application

February 15, 2006.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for an order under section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (B) of the Act, under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and (2) of the Act, and under section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions.

Summary of Application: The applicants request an order that would permit (a) certain registered management investment companies and certain entities that are excluded from the definition of investment company under section 3(c)(1), 3(c)(7) or 3(c)(11) of the Act to invest uninvested cash and cash collateral in (i) affiliated money market funds and/or short-term bond funds or (ii) one or more affiliated entities that operate as cash management investment vehicles and that are excluded from the definition of investment company under section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the Act, and (b) the registered management investment companies and certain affiliated entities to engage in purchase and sale transactions involving portfolio securities in reliance on rule 17a-7 under the Act.

Applicants: John Hancock Capital Series, John Hancock Declaration Trust, John Hancock Equity Trust, John Hancock Income Securities Trust, John Hancock Investment Trust II, John Hancock Investment Trust III, John Hancock Investors Trust, John Hancock Sovereign Bond Fund, John Hancock Strategic Series, John Hancock Tax-Exempt Series Fund, John Hancock World Fund, John Hancock Bank and Thrift Opportunity Fund, John Hancock Bond Trust, John Hancock California Tax-Free Income Fund, John Hancock Current Interest, John Hancock Institutional Series Trust, John Hancock Investment Trust, John Hancock Patriot Global Dividend Fund, John Hancock Patriot Preferred Dividend Fund, John

Hancock Patriot Premium Dividend Fund, John Hancock Patriot Premium Dividend Fund II, John Hancock Patriot Select Dividend Trust, John Hancock Preferred Income Fund, John Hancock Preferred Income Fund II, John Hancock Series Trust, John Hancock Tax-Free Bond Trust, John Hancock Financial Trends Fund, Inc. (each, an "Investment Company" and collectively, the "Investment Companies"), and John Hancock Advisers, LLC (together with any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with John Hancock Advisers, LLC, "JHA").

Filing Dates: The application was filed on April 24, 2003, and amended on February 7, 2006.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on March 13, 2006, 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 who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F St., NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. Applicants, c/o David C. Phelan, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, 60 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadya B. Roytblat, Assistant Director, at (202) 551-6821 (Office of Investment Company Regulation, Division of Investment Management).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-551-5850).

Applicants' Representations

1. Each Investment Company is organized as a Massachusetts business trust or a Maryland corporation and is registered under the Act as an open-end or closed-end management investment company. Each Fund, as defined below, that is a series of an Investment Company has separate investment objectives, policies, and assets. JHA is