



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 4720

August 18, 2015

Via E-mail

Michael M. Achary  
Chief Financial Officer  
Hancock Holding Company  
One Hancock Plaza  
Gulfport, MS 39501

**Re: Hancock Holding Company  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014  
Filed February 27, 2015  
File No. 000-13089**

Dear Mr. Achary:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kathryn McHale

Kathryn McHale  
Senior Staff Attorney  
Office of Financial Services I

cc: Steve Barker