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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, John Hancock Financial Services, Inc., Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock purchase rights and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Amendment No. 1 to Form 8-A/A-1 received on July 16 2002.

Sincerely,

Paras Mehta