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Ms. Velma T. Smith
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
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Room 2531
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Ms. Smith:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Exchange Act of 1933, JOHN HANCOCK HEDGED EQUITY & INCOME FUND, Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, \$0.01 Par Value Per Share. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on April 25, 2011. Tentative listing date – May 25, 2011.

Sincerely,

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