

potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: September 11, 1996.

Sam Duraiswamy,

Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.

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### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Weeks of September 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 1996.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of September 16

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 16.

Week of September 23—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 23.

Week of September 30—Tentative

Thursday, October 3

1:00 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of October 7—Tentative

Monday, October 7

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Mike Webber, 301-415-7297)

Wednesday, October 9

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

The Schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

By a vote of 4-0 on September 9, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and 10 CFR Sec. 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Discussion of Management and Personnel Issues" (Closed—Ex. 2 and 6) be held on September 9, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

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to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301)-415-1661).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to [wmh@nrc.gov](mailto:wmh@nrc.gov) or [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).

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Dated: September 12, 1996.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rel. No. IC-22212; File No. 812-10088]

#### John Hancock Declaration Trust, et al.; Exemption Application

September 10, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC" or the "Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of Application for Exemption under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act").

**APPLICANTS:** John Hancock Declaration Trust (the "Trust") and John Hancock Advisers, Inc. (the "Adviser").

**RELEVANT 1940 ACT SECTIONS:** Order requested under Section 6(c) of the 1940 Act from the provisions of Sections 9(a), 13(a), 15(a) and 15(b) of the 1940 Act and Rules 6e-2(b)(15) and 6e-3(T)(b)(15) thereunder.

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicants seek an order to the extent necessary to permit shares of any current or future series of the Trust and shares of any other investment company that is designed to fund variable insurance products and for which the Adviser, or any of its affiliates, may serve as investment advisor, administrator, manager, principal underwriter or sponsor (collectively, with the Trust, the "Funds") to be sold to and held by: (a) variable annuity and variable life insurance separate accounts of both affiliated and unaffiliated life insurance companies (the "Participating Insurance Companies"); and (b) certain qualified pension and retirement plans outside of the separate account context (the "Eligible Plans").

**FILING DATE:** The application was filed on April 17, 1996, and amended on August 29, 1996.

**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 on this application by writing to the Secretary of the SEC and serving Applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests must be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on October 7, 1996 and accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants 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 the date of a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the SEC.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Applicants, John Hancock Declaration Trust, c/o Anne C. Hodsdon, President, 101 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, 02199.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Martha H. Platt, Senior Attorney, or Patrice Pitts, Special Counsel, Office of Insurance Products, Division of Investment Management, at (202) 942-0670.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Following is a summary of the application; the complete application is available for a fee from the Public Reference Branch of the SEC.

#### Applicants' Representations

1. The Trust is a Massachusetts business trust registered under the 1940 Act as an open-end diversified management investment company. The Trust's registration statement on Form N-1A was declared effective on August 12, 1996. The Trust currently is composed of ten separate portfolios: John Hancock V.A. International Fund; John Hancock V.A. Emerging Growth Fund; John Hancock V.A. Discovery Fund; John Hancock V.A. Diversified Core Equity Fund; John Hancock V.A. Sovereign Investors Fund; John Hancock V.A. 500 Index Fund; John Hancock V.A. Sovereign Bond Fund; John Hancock V.A. Strategic Income Fund; John Hancock V.A. Global Income Fund; and John Hancock V.A. Money Market Fund. Additional portfolios may be added in the future.

2. The Adviser is registered with the SEC under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and will be the investment manager for each of the Trust's portfolios. The Adviser is an indirectly wholly-owned subsidiary of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. The Adviser has engaged other registered investment advisers ("Sub-Advisers") to conduct the investment programs of certain Trust