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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Averill John F

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/01/2013

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

John Hancock Hedged Equity & Income Fund [HEQ]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Director

_X__ Officer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Form filed by More than One

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

280 CONGRESS STREET

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

Officer of Investment Adviser

10% Owner

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

BOSTON, MAÂ 02210

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Reporting Person

Ownership Ownership Form: (Instr. 5)

Other

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Expiration Date Exercisable Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Averill John F

280 CONGRESS STREET Officer of Investment Adviser BOSTON, MAÂ 02210

Signatures

John E. Bruno -Attorney-in-Fact 01/03/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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