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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BURGESS PETER S			Statement (Month/Day/Year)		³ 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol JOHN HANCOCK BANK & THRIFT OPPORTUNITY FUND [BTO]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/01/2012		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O JOHN HANCOCK FUNDS, 601 CONGRESS STREET (Street) BOSTON, MA 02210				(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner OfficerX Other (give title below) (specify below) Trustee of the Fund			Owner r	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One 	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	r	Fable I - N	Reporting Person Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)				2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)		3. 4. Na		ature of Indirect Beneficial tership	
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Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
	(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
BURGESS PETER S C/O JOHN HANCOCK FUNDS 601 CONGRESS STREET BOSTON, MA 02210	Â	Â	Â	Trustee of the Fund	
Signatures					
/s/ Peter S. Burgess 12/09/2	2012				

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person Date

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