Kilbride Donald J. Form 4 January 04, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kilbride Donald J.

> (First) (Middle)

280 CONGRESS STREET

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

John Hancock Hedged Equity & Income Fund [HEQ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2017

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Officer of Investment Adviser

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

BOSTON, MA 02210

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Form: Direct (I)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

6. Ownership

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. TransactionNumber Code of

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

7. Title and Amount of Underlying

8. Price of 9. Nu Derivative Deriv Security Secu

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8		Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				Secur (Instr	ities . 3 and 4)	(Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kilbride Donald J.

280 CONGRESS STREET BOSTON, MA 02210

Officer of Investment Adviser

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Shares

Signatures

Lance C. Dial - 01/04/2018 Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).

Remarks:

No longer a reporting person effective December 31, 2017.

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