JOHN HANCOCK PREFERRED INCOME FUND II Form N-Q June 28, 2016

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

### FORM N-Q

# QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-21202

<u>John Hancock Preferred Income Fund II</u> (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

<u>601 Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210</u> (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Salvatore Schiavone, Treasurer

601 Congress Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02210

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 617-663-4497

Date of fiscal year end: July 31

Date of reporting period: April 30, 2016

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

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|---------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|
|               |              |           |             |                 |

Preferred Income Fund II

Quarterly portfolio holdings 4/30/16

#### Fund's investmentsPreferred Income Fund II

### **As of 4-30-16 (unaudited)**

Value Shares

Preferred securities

(a) 142.4% (94.5%

\$662,363,953 of Total

investments)

(Cost \$626,995,953)

Consumer

13,855,008 staples 3.0%

Food and staples retailing 3.0%

Ocean

Spray

Cranberries, 160,000 13,855,008

Inc.,

Series A,

6.250% (S)

Energy 4.8% 22,124,160

Oil, gas and consumable fuels 4.8%

Kinder

Morgan,

501,000 22,124,160

Inc.,

9.750%

Financials 80.8% 376,101,125

Banks 38.5%

Bank

of

America 180,000 4,752,000

Corp.,

6.500%

Bank

of

America 20,000 534,400

Corp.,

6.625%

**Barclays** 

Bank

365,000 9,460,800

PLC,

Series 3, 7.100%

**Barclays** 

Bank

340,000 8,969,200

PLC,

Series 5, 8.125%

BB&T

Corp., 330,000 8,332,500

5.200% (Z)

450,000 11,574,000

5.625% (Z) Citigroup Capital XIII, 55,000 1,438,250 7.008% (P)(Z)Citigroup, Inc., 10,000 259,800 5.800% Citigroup, Inc., 60,000 1,615,200 6.875% (Z) Citigroup, Inc. (6.875% to 11-15-23, 242,253 6,683,760 then 3 month **LIBOR** 4.130%) Citigroup, Inc. (7.125% to 9-30-23, then 155,000 4,333,800 3 month **LIBOR** 4.040%) **HSBC** USA, 50,000 1,301,500 Inc., 6.500% (Z) ING Groep 770,000 20,266,400 NV, 7.050% JPMorgan Chase & 60,000 1,528,800 Co., 5.450% (Z) JPMorgan 77,661 1,964,047 Chase

BB&T Corp.,

& Co., 5.500% JPMorgan Chase &

276,500 7,224,945

Co., 6.100% JPMorgan Chase

& 501,419 13,092,050

Co.,

6.125% (Z) JPMorgan Chase

& 30,000 790,500

Co., 6.300% **RBS** Capital

**Funding** 398,000 9,711,200

Trust V,

5.900% (Z) **RBS** 

Capital

**Funding** 145,000 3,559,750 Trust

VII, 6.080% Royal Bank of

Scotland 465,000 11,253,000

Group PLC,

Series L, 5.750%

The **PNC** Financial

Services 70,000 1,805,300

Group, Inc., 5.375%

The 145,000 4,191,950

**PNC** Financial Services Group, Inc. (6.125%

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to
5-1-22,
then
3
month
LIBOR
4.067%)
U.S.
Bancorp
(6.000%
4-15-17,
then
           200,000 5,282,000
3
month
LIBOR
4.861%) (Z)
U.S.
Bancorp
(6.500%
to
1-15-22,
           570,000 16,849,200
then
3
month
LIBOR
4.468%) (Z)
Wells
Fargo
&
           250,000 6,657,500
Company,
6.000% (Z)
Wells
Fargo
&
           565,000 15,916,050
Company,
8.000\% (Z)
Capital markets 11.9%
Deutsche
Bank
Contingent
Capital
           173,000 4,307,700
Trust
II,
6.550%
Deutsche
           460,000 11,923,200
Bank
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Contingent

Capital Trust III, 7.600% (Z) Morgan Stanley, 175,000 4,732,000 6.625% (Z) Morgan Stanley (6.375% to 10-15-24, 70,000 then 1,856,400 3 month **LIBOR** 3.708%) Morgan Stanley Capital 272,000 7,004,000 Trust III, 6.250% (Z) Morgan Stanley Capital 155,000 3,981,950 Trust IV, 6.250% (Z) Morgan Stanley Capital 285,000 7,284,600 Trust V, 5.750% (Z) State Street 45,000 1,179,900 Corp., 5.250% (Z) State Street 445,000 12,023,900 Corp., 6.000% (Z) The Goldman Sachs 40,000 1,026,400 Group, Inc.,

5.950%

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#### Preferred Income Fund II

Financials

Shares

Value

(continued) Consumer finance 7.1% Capital One Financial 234,250 \$6,186,543 Corp., 6.200% Capital One Financial 52,925 1,452,262 Corp., 6.700% **HSBC** Finance Corp., Depositary 725,000 18,806,500 Shares, Series B, 6.360% (Z) Navient Corp., 177,500 3,418,650 6.000% SLM Corp., 64,000 3,024,000 Series A, 6.970% Insurance 10.0% Aegon NV, 430,000 11,059,600 6.375% (Z) Aegon NV, 220,000 5,753,000 6.500% Prudential Financial, 160,000 4,222,400 Inc., 5.750% Prudential 103,000 2,695,510 PLC, 6.500% (Z) The Phoenix Companies, 216,500 4,005,250 Inc., 7.450% W.R. 740,000 18,825,600 Berkley

Corp., 5.625% (Z) Real estate investment trusts 13.2% Digital Realty Trust, 25,592 711,458 Inc., 7.375% Kimco Realty 725,000 18,937,000 Corp., 6.000% (Z) Public 255,000 6,630,000 Storage, 5.200% (Z) **Public** 340,000 8,945,400 Storage, 5.750% (Z) **Public** 175,000 4,490,500 Storage, 6.350% (Z) Senior Housing Properties 667,000 16,841,750 Trust, 5.625% (Z) Ventas Realty 200,000 5,136,000 LP, 5.450% Thrifts and mortgage finance 0.1% Federal National Association, 75,000 Mortgage 291,750 Series S. 8.250% (I)

Industrials 2.1% 9,734,700

Machinery 2.1%

Stanley Black

& 370,000 9,734,700 Decker,

Inc.,

5.750% (Z)

Telecommunication

61,124,434

services 13.1%

Diversified telecommunication

services 6.0%

30,000 734,700

Qwest Corp., 6.125% **Qwest** Corp., 65,000 1,660,750 6.875% Qwest Corp., 60,000 1,530,000 7.000% Qwest Corp., 567,500 14,505,300 7.375% (Z) Qwest Corp., 172,500 4,434,975 7.500% Verizon Communications 185,000 5,075,938 Inc., 5.900% (Z) Wireless telecommunication services 7.1% Telephone & Data 161,300 4,151,862 Systems, Inc., 6.625% (Z) Telephone & Data 85,000 2,169,200 Systems, Inc., 6.875% Telephone & Data 283,000 7,193,859 Systems, Inc., 7.000% United States Cellular 772,500 19,667,850 Corp., 6.950% (Z) Utilities 38.6% 179,424,526 Electric utilities 30.0% Baltimore 39,870 4,111,394 Gas & Electric

Company,

Series 1995, 6.990% (Z)

Duke

Energy Corp., 720,000 18,936,000

5.125% Entergy

Arkansas, 66,400 1,679,256

Inc.,

5.750% (Z) Entergy

Arkansas, Inc., 100,000 2,580,000

6.450% Entergy

Louisiana LLC, 220,000 5,561,600

5.250% Entergy

Louisiana LLC, 186,750 4,734,113

5.875% (Z)

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### Preferred Income Fund II

| Shares  | Value   |
|---------|---|
| ed)     |   |
|         |   |
| 146,665 | \$3,744,357   |
|         |   |
|         |   |
| 186,500 | 4,748,290   |
|         |   |
| 102 204 | 2 (79 412   |
| 103,294 | 2,678,413   |
|         |   |
|         |   |
| 255,000 | 6,655,500   |
| ,       | , ,   |
|         |   |
|         |   |
| 146,000 | 3,690,880   |
|         |   |
|         |   |
| 187,750 | 4,965,988   |
|         |   |
|         |   |
|         |   |
| 154,600 | 4,186,568   |
| ,       | , ,   |
|         |   |
|         |   |
|         |   |
| 80,000  | 2,036,000   |
|         |   |
|         |   |
|         |   |
| 665,000 | 17,230,150  |
|         |   |
|         |   |
|         | 146,665 186,500 103,294 255,000 146,000 187,750 154,600 |

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|---|-----------|------------|
| NSTAR<br>Electric<br>Company,                                   | 15,143    | 1,510,514  |
| 4.780% PPL Capital  | 1.050.000 | 28 002 500 |
| Funding,<br>Inc.,<br>5.900% (Z)<br>SCE                          | 1,050,000 | 28,003,500 |
| Trust I, 5.625%   | 105,000   | 2,686,950  |
| SCE<br>Trust<br>II,<br>5.100% (Z)                               | 426,000   | 10,756,500 |
| SCE Trust III (5.750% to 3-15-24, then 3 month LIBOR            | 20,000    | 544,000    |
| + 2.990%) The Southern Company, 6.250% (Z) Multi-utilities 8.6% | 310,000   | 8,391,700  |
| BGE<br>Capital<br>Trust<br>II,<br>6.200% (Z)                    | 539,000   | 14,014,000 |
| DTE Energy Company, 5.250% (Z) DTE                              | 415,420   | 10,763,532 |
| Energy<br>Company,<br>6.500%                                    | 355,000   | 9,265,500  |
| Integrys Holding, Inc. (6.000%                                  | 225,372   | 5,949,821  |
|   |           |            |

to

| 8-1-23,   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| then 3  |   |  |
| month   |   |  |
| LIBOR   |   |  |
| +   |   |  |
| 3.220%) (Z)   |   |  |
| Common stocks 3.7% (2.5   | 5% of Total   | ¢17 201 025  |
| investments)  |   | \$17,381,035   |
| (Cost \$15,867,909)   |   |  |
| Energy 3.2%   |   | 15,021,535   |
| Oil, gas and consumable f   | uels 3.2%   |  |
| Royal   |   |  |
| Dutch   |   |  |
| Shell   |   |  |
| PLC,  | 130,000   | 6,875,700  |
| ADR,  |   |  |
| Class   |   |  |
| A(Z)  |   |  |
| Spectra   |   |  |
| Energy  | 260,500   | 8,145,835  |
| Corp. (Z)   | ,   | , ,  |
| Utilities 0.5%  |   | 2,359,500  |
| Multi-utilities 0.5%  |   | , ,  |
| CenterPoint Energy,   | 110.000   | 2 2 5 2 5 2 2  |
| Inc. (Z)  | 110,000   | 2,359,500  |
| Rate  |   |  |
|   |   |  |
| ) Moturity d  | at <b>₽</b> ar value^   | Value  |
| (% ) Maturity d   |   |  |
| (%) Maturity d Capital preferred securitie  | s (b) 1.3%  | Value<br>\$6,248,205   |
| (%) Maturity d<br>Capital preferred securitie<br>(0.9% of Total investment  | s (b) 1.3%  |  |
| (%) Maturity d<br>Capital preferred securitie<br>(0.9% of Total investment<br>(Cost \$5,574,000)  | s (b) 1.3%  | \$6,248,205  |
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| (%) Maturity d<br>Capital preferred securitie<br>(0.9% of Total investment<br>(Cost \$5,574,000)<br>Utilities 1.3%<br>Multi-utilities 1.3%<br>Dominion<br>Resources   | s (b) 1.3%<br>s)  | \$6,248,205<br>6,248,205   |
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Company (6.250% to 2-1-22, then 3 month LIBOR + 4.199%) (Q) (Z) 4SEE NOTES TO FUND'S INVESTMENTS
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#### Preferred Income Fund II

Yield\* (%) Maturity datPar value^ Value Short-term investments 1.0% (0.6% of \$4,480,976 Total investments) (Cost \$4,480,976) U.S. Government Agency 1.0% 4,378,976 Federal Home  $\underset{\mathsf{Bank}}{\mathsf{Loan}} 0.200$ 05-02-16 4,379,000 4,378,976 Discount Note Repurchase agreement 0.0% 102,000 Repurchase Agreement with State Street Corp. dated 4-29-16 at 0.030% to be repurchased at \$102,000 on 5-2-16, 102,000 102,000 collateralized by \$105,000 U.S. Treasury Notes, 1.125% due 2-28-21 (valued at \$104,081, including interest) **Total investments (Cost \$666,292,937)** \$701,086,669 150.7%

The percentage shown

Total net assets 100.0%

Other assets and liabilities, net (50.7%)

(\$235,789,473)

\$465,297,196

for each investment category is the total

value of the category

as a percentage of the net assets of the fund. ^All par values are denominated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.

### **Key to Security**

### **Abbreviations and**

### Legend

American

ADR Depositary

Receipts

London

LIBOR Interbank

Offered Rate Includes preferred stocks and hybrid

securities with

(a) characteristics of both equity and debt that pay dividends on a periodic

basis. Includes hybrid

securities with characteristics

(b) of both equity and debt that trade with, and pay, interest income.

Non-income

(I) producing security.
Variable rate obligation.

The coupon

(P) rate shown represents the rate at period

end.

(Q) Perpetual bonds have no stated maturity date. Date shown as

maturity date

is next call date. These securities are exempt from registration

under Rule 144A of the

Securities Act

of 1933. Such

(S) securities may

be resold,

normally to

qualified

institutional

buyers, in

transactions

exempt from

registration.

All or a

portion of this

security is

pledged as

collateral

(Z) pursuant to the

Credit Facility

Agreement.

Total collateral

value at

4-30-16 was

\$385,426,104.

Yield

represents

either the

annualized

yield at the

date of

purchase, the

stated coupon

rate or, for

floating rate

securities, the

rate at period

end.

At 4-30-16,

the aggregate

cost of

investment

securities for

federal income

tax purposes

was

\$666,433,047.

Net unrealized

appreciation

aggregated to

\$34,653,622,

of which

\$42,529,912

related to

appreciated

investment

securities and

\$7,876,290

related to

depreciated

investment

securities.

The fund had the following country composition as a percentage of net assets on 4-30-16:

United States 83.6% Netherlands 9.4% United Kingdom 7.0% TOTAL 100.0%

SEE NOTES TO FUND'S INVESTMENTS5

Notes to Fund's investments (unaudited)

Security valuation. Investments are stated at value as of the scheduled close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), normally at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. In case of emergency or other disruption resulting in the NYSE not opening for trading or the NYSE closing at a time other than the regularly scheduled close, the net asset value may be determined as of the regularly scheduled close of the NYSE pursuant to the fund's Valuation Policies and Procedures. The time at which shares and transactions are priced and until which orders are accepted may vary to the extent permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and applicable regulations. In order to value the securities, the fund uses the following valuation techniques: Equity securities held by the fund are typically valued at the last sale price or official closing price on the exchange or principal market where the security was acquired or most likely will be sold. In the event there were no sales during the day or closing prices are not available, the securities are valued using the last available bid price. Debt obligations are valued based on the evaluated prices provided by an independent pricing vendor or from broker-dealers. Independent pricing vendors utilize matrix pricing which takes into account factors such as institutional-size trading in similar groups of securities, yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other market data, as well as broker supplied prices. Swaps are valued using evaluated prices obtained from an independent pricing vendor. Futures contracts are valued at settlement prices, which are the official closing prices published by the exchange on which they trade.

In certain instances, the Pricing Committee may determine to value equity securities using prices obtained from another exchange or market if trading on the exchange or market on which prices are typically obtained did not open for trading as scheduled, or if trading closed earlier than scheduled, and trading occurred as normal on another exchange or market.

Other portfolio securities and assets, for which reliable market quotations are not readily available, are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the fund's Pricing Committee following procedures established by the Board of Trustees. The frequency with which these fair valuation procedures are used cannot be predicted and fair value of securities may differ significantly from the value that would have been used had a ready market for such securities existed.

The fund uses a three-tier hierarchy to prioritize the pricing assumptions, referred to as inputs, used in valuation techniques to measure fair value. Level 1 includes securities valued using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. Level 2 includes securities valued using other significant observable inputs. Observable inputs may include quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds and credit risk. Prices for securities valued using these inputs are received from independent pricing vendors and brokers and are based on an evaluation of the inputs described. Level 3 includes securities valued using significant unobservable inputs when market prices are not readily available or reliable, including the fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments. Factors used in determining value may include market or issuer specific events or trends, changes in interest rates and credit quality. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities. Changes in valuation techniques and related inputs may result in transfers into or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy.

The following is a summary of the values by input classification of the fund's investments as of April 30, 2016, by major security category or type:

|                      | Total<br>value at<br>4-30-16 | Level 1<br>quoted<br>price | Level 2<br>significant<br>observable<br>inputs | Level 3<br>significant<br>unobservable<br>inputs |
|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Preferred securities |                              |                            |  |  |
| Consumer staples     | \$13,855,008                 |                            | \$13,855,008                                   |  |

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| Energy                        | 22,124,160    | \$22,124,160  |              |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Financials                    | 376,101,125   | 376,101,125   |              |
| Industrials                   | 9,734,700     | 9,734,700     |              |
| Telecommunication services    | 61,124,434    | 56,048,496    | 5,075,938    |
| Utilities                     | 179,424,526   | 169,363,311   | 10,061,215   |
| Common stocks                 | 17,381,035    | 17,381,035    |              |
| Capital preferred securities  | 6,248,205     |               | 6,248,205    |
| <b>Corporate bonds</b>        | 10,612,500    |               | 10,612,500   |
| <b>Short-term investments</b> | 4,480,976     |               | 4,480,976    |
| <b>Total investments in</b>   | \$701,086,669 | \$650,752,827 | \$50,333,842 |
| securities                    | \$701,000,009 | φυσυ,132,021  | φ30,333,042  |
| Other financial instruments:  |               |               |              |
| Futures                       | \$356,162     | \$356,162     |              |
| Interest rate swaps           | (408,139)     |               | (\$408,139)  |

Securities with a market value of approximately \$6,227,028 at the beginning of the year were transferred from Level 1 to Level 2 during the period since quoted prices in active markets for identical securities were no longer available and securities were valued using other significant observable inputs.

**Repurchase agreements.** The fund may enter into repurchase agreements. When the fund enters into a repurchase agreement, it receives collateral that is held in a segregated account by the fund's custodian. The collateral amount is marked-to-market and monitored on a daily basis to ensure that the collateral held is in an amount not less than the principal amount of the repurchase agreement plus any accrued interest. Collateral received by the fund for repurchase agreements is disclosed in the Fund's investments as part of the caption related to the repurchase agreement.

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Repurchase agreements are typically governed by the terms and conditions of the Master Repurchase Agreement and/or Global Master Repurchase Agreement (collectively, MRA). Upon an event of default, the non-defaulting party may close out all transactions traded under the MRA and net amounts owed. Absent an event of default, assets and liabilities resulting from repurchase agreements are not offset. In the event of a default by the counterparty, realization of the collateral proceeds could be delayed, during which time the collateral value may decline or the counterparty may have insufficient assets to pay back claims resulting from close-out of the transactions.

**Derivative instruments.** The fund may invest in derivatives in order to meet its investment objectives. Derivatives include a variety of different instruments that may be traded in the over-the-counter (OTC) market, on a regulated exchange or through a clearing facility. The risks in using derivatives vary depending upon the structure of the instruments, including the use of leverage, optionality, the liquidity or lack of liquidity of the contract, the creditworthiness of the counterparty or clearing organization and the volatility of the position. Some derivatives involve risks that are potentially greater than the risks associated with investing directly in the referenced securities or other referenced underlying instrument. Specifically, the fund is exposed to the risk that the counterparty to an OTC derivatives contract will be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments or otherwise honor its obligations. OTC derivatives transactions typically can only be closed out with the other party to the transaction.

**Futures.** A futures contract is a contractual agreement to buy or sell a particular currency or financial instrument at a pre-determined price in the future. Risks related to the use of futures contracts include possible illiquidity of the futures markets and contract prices that can be highly volatile and imperfectly correlated to movements in the underlying financial instrument. Use of long futures contracts subjects the funds to the risk of loss up to the notional value of the futures contracts. Use of short futures contracts subjects the funds to unlimited risk of loss.

During the period ended April 30, 2016 the fund used futures contracts to manage against anticipated interest rate changes. The following table summarizes the contracts held at April 30, 2016.

| Open contracts                     | Number of contracts | Position | Expiration date | Notional<br>basis | Notional value | Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|--|
| 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note Futures | 520                 | Short    | Jun 2016        | (\$67,988,662)    | (\$67,632,500) | ` • ′                                  |

Notional basis refers to the contractual amount agreed upon at inception of open contracts; notional value represents the current value of the open contract.

**Interest rate swaps.** Interest rate swaps represent an agreement between the fund and a counterparty to exchange cash flows based on the difference between two interest rates applied to a notional amount. The payment flows are usually netted against each other, with the difference being paid by one party to the other. The fund settles accrued net interest receivable or payable under the swap contracts at specified, future intervals.

During the period ended April 30, 2016, the fund used interest rate swaps to manage against anticipated interest rate changes. The following table summarizes the interest rate swap contracts held as of April 30, 2016.

| Counterparty                    | USD<br>notional<br>amount | Payments made by fund | Payments received by fund    | Maturity date | Market<br>value |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Morgan Stanley Capital Services | \$56,000,000              | Fixed 1.4625%         | 3 Month LIBOR <sup>(a)</sup> | Aug 2016      | (\$233,593)     |
| Morgan Stanley Capital Services | 56,000,000                | Fixed 0.875%          | 3 Month LIBOR <sup>(a)</sup> | Jul 2017      | (174,545)       |
|                                 | \$112,000,000             |                       |                              |               | (\$408,139)     |

<sup>(</sup>a) At 4-30-16, the 3-month LIBOR rate was 0.63660%

For additional information on the fund's significant accounting policies, please refer to the fund's most recent semiannual or annual shareholder report.

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More information

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This report is for the information of the shareholders of John Hancock Preferred Income Fund II.

#### ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Based upon their evaluation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as conducted within 90 days of the filing date of this Form N-Q, the registrant's principal executive officer and principal accounting officer have concluded that those disclosure controls and procedures provide reasonable assurance that the material information required to be disclosed by the registrant on this report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

#### ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Separate certifications for the registrant's principal executive officer and principal accounting officer, as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached.

| Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.                    |
|---|
| John Hancock Preferred Income Fund II   |
| By:   |
| /s/ Andrew Arnott   |
| Andrew Arnott   |
| President   |
| Date: June 17, 2016   |
| Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated. |
| By:   |
| /s/ Andrew Arnott   |

|                         | - |  |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| Andrew Arnott           |   |  |  |
| President               |   |  |  |
| Date: June 17, 2016     |   |  |  |
| By:                     |   |  |  |
| /s/ Charles A. Rizzo    | - |  |  |
| Charles A. Rizzo        |   |  |  |
| Chief Financial Officer |   |  |  |
| Date: June 17, 2016     |   |  |  |
|                         |   |  |  |