## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION November 27, 2009

## ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Human Genome Sciences, Inc.

File No. 001-14169 - CF#24240

Human Genome Sciences, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-Q filed on October 29, 2009.

Based on representations by Human Genome Sciences, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit will not be released to the public for the time period specified:

Exhibit 10.1

through July 17, 2012

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

Pamela Howell Special Counsel