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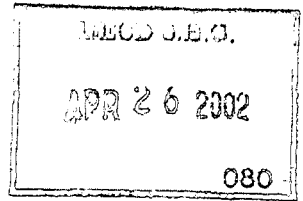


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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Astoria Financial Corporation, Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share and related preferred share purchase rights and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on April 26, 2002. Tentative listing date – May 17, 2002.

Sincerely,

Paras Mehta