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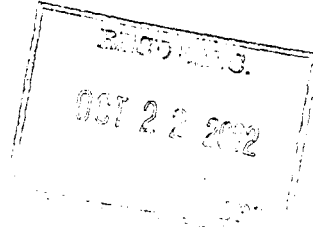
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Banknorth Group, Inc., Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, and the related Preferred Stock Purchase Rights and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on October 22, 2002. Tentative listing date Not yet determined.

Sincerely,