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July 30, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 22

Rule 424(b)(3)

DATED: July 25, 2003

File No. 333-104455

(To Prospectus dated April 24, 2003,

and Prospectus Supplement dated April 24, 2003)

\$10,227,293,162
THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
Medium-Term Notes, Series B

Principal Amount: \$35,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 7/30/2003 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []

Maturity Date: 8/1/2005 CUSIP#: 073928A94

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [] Final Maturity Date:

		Optional	Optional
	Redemption	Repayment	Repayment
Redeemable On	Price(s)	Date(s)	Price(s)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

[] Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

[] Federal Funds Effective Rate

[] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily

[] LIBOR Telerate

[] Prime Rate

[] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.2825% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): +0.22%

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* 10/30/03, 1/30/04, 4/30/04, 7/30/04, 10/30/04, 1/30/05, 4/30/05 and 8/1/05

At May 31, 2003:

- o the Company had outstanding (on an unconsolidated basis) approximately \$39.8 billion of debt and other obligations, including approximately \$36.7 billion of unsecured senior debt and \$2.5 billion of unsecured inter-company debt; and
- o subsidiaries of the Company had outstanding (after elimination of inter-company items) approximately \$163.9 billion of debt and other obligations (including \$45.5 billion related to securities sold under repurchase agreements, \$60.7 billion related to payables to customers, \$29.2 billion related to financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased, and \$28.5 billion of other liabilities, including \$15.9 billion of debt).

The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.