BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC Form 424B3

August 12, 2003

## THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. IncomeNotes(SM)

With Maturities of Nine Months or More from Date of Issue

Registration No. 333-104455 Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) Pricing Supplement No. 7 (To Prospectus dated April 24, 2003, and Prospectus Supplement dated June 19, 2003) Trade Date: August 11, 2003 Issue Date: August 14, 2003 The date of this Pricing Supplement is August 11, 2003

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	CUSIP#	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Price to Public	Discounts & Commissions	Reallowance	Dealer		
_	07387EAT4	5.25%	8/15/2013	100.00%	1.50%	0.200%	98.90%		
-	07387EAU1	5.90%	8/15/2018	100.00%	2.00%	0.350%	98.40%		
_	07387EAV9	6.10%	8/15/2023	100.00%	2.50%	0.350%	98.00%		

## Subject to Redemption

First Interest Payment Date	-			Date and Terms of Redemption	Ago Pri An
2/15/2004	\$26.40	Yes	No	N/A	\$97
2/15/2004	\$29.66	Yes		payment dates thereafter until Maturity, the Notes may be called in whole at par at the option of the Company on ten calendar days notice.	\$63
2/15/2004	\$30.67	Yes		Commencing 8/15/2008 and on the interest payment dates thereafter until Maturity, the Notes may be called in whole at par at the option of the Company on ten calendar days notice.	\$2,7

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

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 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 IncomeNotes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.