BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC Form 424B3

August 19, 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. 8 (To Prospectus dated April 24, 2003, and Prospectus Supplement dated June 19, 2003) Trade Date: August 18, 2003 Issue Date: August 21, 2003 The date of this Pricing Supplement is August 18, 2003

	CUSIP#	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Price to Public	Discounts & Commissions	Reallowance	Dealer	
-	07387EAW7	5.10%	8/15/2013	100.00%	1.50%	0.200%	98.90%	
-	07387EAX5	5.80%	8/15/2018	100.00%	2.00%	0.350%	98.40%	
	07387EAY3	6.05%	8/15/2023	100.00%	2.50%	0.350%	98.00%	

Subject to Redemption

First Interest Payment Date	-		Yes/No	Date and Terms of Redemption	Agg Pri Am
2/15/2004	\$24.65	Yes	No	N/A	\$1,4
2/15/2004	\$28.03	Yes	Yes	Commencing 8/15/2006 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.	\$5 \$5
2/15/2004	\$29.24	Yes	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.	\$2,3

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

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