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(To Prospectus dated November 17, 2003,

and Prospectus Supplement dated November 17, 2003)

\$10,668,950,162
THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
Medium-Term Notes, Series B

Principal Amount: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 1/7/2005 Fixed Rate Notes [ ] Certificated Notes [ ]

Maturity Date: 1/7/2009 CUSIP#: 073928J46

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [ ] Final Maturity Date:

 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:

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Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

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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: Monthly

[x] LIBOR Telerate

[ ] Prime Rate

[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 2.57% Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: One Month

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Spread (plus or minus): +0.17%

- $^{\star}$  On the 7th of each month prior to Maturity.
- \*\* On the 7th of each month, including the maturity date.

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