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December 02, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 Rule 424(b)(3) DATED: November 26, 2003 File No. 333-109793 (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: \$50,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x] Original Issue Date: 12/2/2003 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes [] CUSIP#: 073928C35 Maturity Date: 11/28/2005 Option to Extend Maturity: No [x] Yes [] Final Maturity Date: Optional Optional Repayment Repayment Date(s) Price(s) Redemption
Redeemable On 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 [] Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): * [] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Quarterly [] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): ** [x] LIBOR Telerate [] Prime Rate [] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.24188% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: Three Months

Spread (plus or minus): +0.07%

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- * 2/28/04, 5/28/04, 8/28/04, 11/28/04, 2/28/05, 5/28/05 and 8/28/05.
- ** 3/1/04, 5/28/04, 8/28/04, 11/28/04, 2/28/05, 5/28/05, 8/28/05 and 11/28/05.

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