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December 09, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 3

Rule 424(b)(3)

DATED: December 4, 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: \$5,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 12/9/2003 Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes []

Maturity Date: 12/9/2004 CUSIP#: 073928C50

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]
Yes [] Final Maturity Date:

Minimum Denominations: \$1,000, increased in multiples of \$1,000.

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

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate: 1.58%

Interest Payment Date(s): *

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis:

Maximum Interest Rate:

[] Commercial Paper Rate

Minimum Interest Rate:

[] Federal Funds Effective Rate

[] Federal Funds Open Rate

Interest Reset Date(s):

[] Treasury Rate

Interest Reset Period:

[] LIBOR Reuters

Interest Payment Date(s):

[] LIBOR Telerate

[] Prime Rate

[] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Period:

Index Maturity:

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Spread (plus or minus):

* June 9, 2004 and at Maturity.

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