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Form 424B3

January 12, 2004

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 5

DATED: January 7, 2004

Rule 424(b)(3)

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: \$150,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 1/12/2004 Fixed Rate Notes [ ] Certificated Notes [ ]

Maturity Date: 1/12/2006 CUSIP#: 073928C84

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [] Final Maturity Date:

 Redeemable On N/A
 Price(s) N/A
 Date(s) N/A
 Price(s) N/A
 N/A
 N/A
 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:

Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

[ ] Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

[ ] Federal Funds Effective Rate

 $[x] \hspace{1cm} \textit{Federal Funds Open Rate} \hspace{1cm} \textit{Interest Reset Date(s): Daily} \\$ 

[ ] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily

[ ] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s):  $\star$ 

[ ] LIBOR Telerate

[ ] Prime Rate

[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.19% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): +0.19%

\* On the 12th of each April, July, October and January, including the

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maturity date.

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