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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
Form 424B3
September 15, 2004

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 33
DATED: September 1, 2004
(To Prospectus dated November 17, 2003,
and Prospectus Supplement dated November 17, 2003)

Rule 424(b) (3)
File No. 333-109793

\$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

Original Issue Date: 9/24/2004 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 9/24/2009 CUSIP#: 073928G72

Option to Extend Maturity: No
 Yes Final Maturity Date:

Minimum Denominations: \$100,000, increased in multiples of \$10,000

| 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:

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: Monthly

LIBOR Reuters

Interest Payment Date(s): **

LIBOR Telerate

Interest Determination Date(s): ***

Prime Rate

CMT Rate+

Multiplier: 0.715

Initial Interest Rate: [TBD]%

Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: Ten Years

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Spread (plus or minus): N/A

* On the 24th of each month prior to Maturity.

** On the 24th of each month, including the maturity date.

*** On the second Business Day prior to each Interest Reset Date.

+ The Interest Rate for each Interest Payment Period shall be determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$(10 \text{ Year CMT Rate}) \times (\text{Multiplier})$$

Where:

10 Year CMT Rate = the 10 Year CMT Rate displayed on CMT Telerate page 7051

Multiplier = 0.715

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