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Form 424B3

May 22, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 3

Rule 424(b) (3)

DATED: May 19, 2003+

File No. 333-104455

May 20, 2003++

(To Prospectus dated April 24, 2003,
and Prospectus Supplement dated April 24, 2003)

\$10,227,293,162

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$325,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 5/22/2003 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 5/23/2005 CUSIP#: 073928ZK2

Option to Extend Maturity: No
Yes Final Maturity Date:

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): Daily

Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily

LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): *

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Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.5% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.25%

+ \$175,000,000 was traded on May 19, 2003.

++ \$150,000,000 was traded on May 20, 2003.

* 8/22/03, 11/22/03, 2/22/04, 5/22/04, 8/22/04, 11/22/04, 2/22/05 and 5/23/05.

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