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Pricing Supplement No. 17 Subject to Completion - dated October 10, 2006 (To prospectus dated June 5, 2006 and prospectus supplement dated June 15, 2006)

The Bank of New York Company, Inc. [LOGO]

The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

\$1,000,000,000

The Bank of New York Company, Inc. CoreNotes (Registered Service Mark)

	Aggregate Principal Amount		Agent	:'s	Proceeds Before Expenses(1)
640P1JS3	TBD	100%	2.00)%	98.00%
Rate Per	Intere: Payment Frequence	Mat	urity		

Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York

Company, Inc. on 10/15/2009 and each Interest Payment

Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30

calendar days notice.

CUSIP Number	-	Price to Public(1)	Purchas Agent Discoun	's	Proceeds Before Expenses(1)
0640P1JT1	TBD	100%	2.50	&	97.50%
Interest Rate Per Annum	Interest Payment Frequency	Matı	e====== ated arity ate	Survivo	
6.00%	Semi-Annua	al 10/1	.5/2031	Yes	

Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes, Series I

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Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of April and October of each year

commencing 04/15/2007.

Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York

Company, Inc. on 10/15/2011 and each Interest Payment

Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30

calendar days notice.

The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

One Wall Street

New York, New York 10286

Trade Date: 10/13/2006 Issue Date: 10/18/2006

Minimum Denominations/Increments: \$1,000/\$1,000

Original Issue Discount: No

All trades settle without accrued interest and clear SDFS: DTC Book-Entry only

Merrill Lynch DTC Participant Number: 161

The defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of the Senior Indenture and the Senior Subordinated Indenture described under "Description of Senior Debt Securities and Senior Subordinated Debt Securities-Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance" in the Prospectus will apply to the Senior and Senior Subordinated Notes respectively.

(1) Expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount

"CoreNotes(Registered Service Mark)" is a registered service mark of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

Merrill Lynch & Co. Purchasing Agent Acting as Principal
