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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)
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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:

- Commercial Paper Rate
- Federal Funds Effective Rate
- Federal Funds Open Rate
- Treasury Rate
- LIBOR Reuters
- LIBOR Telerate
- Prime Rate
- CMT Rate+

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Interest Reset Date(s): *

Interest Reset Period: Monthly

Interest Payment Date(s): **

Interest Determination Date(s): ***

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
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Multiplier = 0.715

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