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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 46

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

DATED: January 4, 2005

(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: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
Original Issue Date: 1/7/2005 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
Maturity Date: 1/7/2009 CUSIP#: 073928J46
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): *

Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Monthly

LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): **

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Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 2.57% Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: One Month

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Spread (plus or minus): +0.17%

* On the 7th of each month prior to Maturity.

** On the 7th of each month, including the maturity date.

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