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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
May 22, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 4  
DATED: May 19, 2003+  
May 20, 2003++

Rule 424(b)(3)  
File No. 333-104455

(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: \$178,500,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
Original Issue Date: 5/23/2003 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes   
Maturity Date: 5/23/2005 CUSIP#: 073928ZL0  
Option to Extend Maturity: No   
Yes  Final Maturity Date:

| Redeemable On | Redemption Price(s) | Optional Repayment Date(s) | Optional Repayment Price(s) |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----<br>N/A  | -----<br>N/A        | -----<br>N/A               | -----<br>N/A                |

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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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: Quarterly

LIBOR Reuters

Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*

LIBOR Telerate

Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.42%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: Three Months

Spread (plus or minus): +0.15%

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+ \$60,000,000 was traded on May 19, 2003.

++ \$118,500,000 was traded on May 20, 2003.

\* On the 23rd of each August, November, February and May prior to Maturity.

\*\* On the 23rd of each August, November, February and May, including the maturity date.

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