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December 22, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 4

Rule 424(b)(3)

DATED: December 17, 2003

File No. 333-109793

(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: \$250,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 12/22/2003 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 12/22/2005 CUSIP#: 073928C76

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): \*\*

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Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.23% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: Three Months

Spread (plus or minus): +0.06%

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- \* On the 22nd of each March, June, September and December prior to Maturity.
- \*\* On the 22nd of each March, June, September and December including the maturity date.

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