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Form 424B3

February 22, 2005

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 4 Rule 424(b)(3)

DATED: February 16, 2005 File No. 333-121744

(To Prospectus dated February 2, 2005,

(10 Prospectus dated rebruary 2, 2005,

and Prospectus Supplement dated February 2, 2005)

\$12,410,781,162
THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
Medium-Term Notes, Series B

Principal Amount: \$15,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 2/22/2005 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []

Maturity Date: 2/13/2015 CUSIP#: 073928K36

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [ ] Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On Price(s) Date(s) Price(s)

N/A N/A N/A N/A 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

[ ] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Monthly

[x] LIBOR Telerate

[ ] Prime Rate

[ ] CMT Rate

Index Maturity: One Month

Spread (plus or minus): +0.42%

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- $^{\star}$  Commencing March 13, 2005 and on the 13th of each month thereafter prior to Maturity.
- \*\* Commencing March 13, 2005 and on the 13th of each month thereafter, including the maturity date.

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