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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 23

Rule 424(b)(3)

DATED: September 4, 2003

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(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: \$75,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 9/9/2003 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 9/9/2005 CUSIP#: 073928B36

Option to Extend Maturity: No
Yes Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On ----- N/A	Redemption Price(s) ----- N/A	Optional Repayment Date(s) ----- N/A	Optional Repayment Price(s) ----- N/A
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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
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Effective Rate	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Open Rate	Interest Reset Date(s): Daily
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period: Daily
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters	Interest Payment Date(s): *
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate	
Initial Interest Rate: 1.23%	Interest Payment Period: Quarterly
Index Maturity: N/A	
Spread (plus or minus): +0.23%	

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* On the 9th of each December, March, June and September, including the maturity date.

At May 31, 2003:

- o the Company had outstanding (on an unconsolidated basis) approximately \$39.8 billion of debt and other obligations, including approximately \$36.7 billion of unsecured senior debt and \$2.5 billion of unsecured inter-company debt; and
- o subsidiaries of the Company had outstanding (after elimination of inter-company items) approximately \$163.9 billion of debt and other obligations (including \$45.5 billion related to securities sold under repurchase agreements, \$60.7 billion related to payables to customers, \$29.2 billion related to financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased, and \$28.5 billion of other liabilities, including \$15.9 billion of debt).

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