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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 29 Rule 424(b)(3) DATED: August 26, 2004 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: \$100,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 9/2/2004 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []

CUSIP#: 073928G31 Maturity Date: 3/2/2006

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [] Final Maturity Date:

		Optional	Optional
	Redemption	Repayment	Repayment
Redeemable On	Price(s)	Date(s)	Price(s)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Date(s):

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): **

[x] LIBOR Telerate

[] Prime Rate

[] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.65% Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: One Month

Spread (plus or minus): -0.02%

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- $^{\star}\,\,$ On the 2nd of each month prior to Maturity.
- ** On the 2nd 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.