

Bank of New York Mellon CORP  
Form DEFA14A  
March 17, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A  
(Rule 14a-101)**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT**

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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Statement

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Pursuant to  
Section 240.14a-11(c)  
or Section 240.14a-2.

**The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation**

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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than Registrant)

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No fee required.

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Subject: Your Bank of New York Mellon Shareholder Voting Material IMPORTANT!

Dear Bank of New York Mellon Shareholder,

You are receiving this e-mail because as of February 8, 2008, you held Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNYMellon) Common Stock (Stock) in either or both of the Mellon 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (401(k)) or the Mellon Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP). The 401(k) and the ESPP together are referred to as the Plans. As a holder of Stock in the Plans, you are entitled to direct the voting of your shares. It is important that we obtain votes from each of our shareholders, so please provide your voting instructions now.

Your voting instructions must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on April 3, 2008 in order to be counted.

The voting process is quick and easy either click on the following link to the Internet voting site (which also contains Bank of New York Mellon's 2007 Annual Report and 2008 Proxy materials), or call the telephone number below to access the telephone voting site. Please have the unique control number provided below handy you'll need it to enter your voting instructions.

**YOUR CONTROL NUMBER IS:**

**INTERNET:** To view the Annual Report and Proxy materials and vote by Internet, connect to the secure electronic voting site at <https://www.proxyvotenow.com/bk3> and follow the prompts.

**TELEPHONE:** To vote by telephone, please view the Annual Report and Proxy materials at [www.bnymellon.com/annual](http://www.bnymellon.com/annual). Then call 1-888-216-1294 and follow the prompts.

If you prefer to vote by hard copy, please call 1-866-252-6890 and follow the prompts. You will be mailed a hard copy voting card, the Annual Report and the Proxy materials, together with a postage paid return envelope. (You will need your control number to enter such a request). Be sure to allow adequate mailing time because your vote must be received by April 3 to be counted. Also, you may view the Annual Report and Proxy materials without going to the electronic voting site by visiting [www.bnymellon.com/annual](http://www.bnymellon.com/annual). If you would like to speak to a CSR to request a hard copy of the Annual Report or Proxy materials (without a voting card), you may request them by visiting [www.bnymellon.com/shareowner](http://www.bnymellon.com/shareowner) or calling Mellon Investor Services, LLC at 1-800-205-7699 within the United States or 1-201-680-6578 outside the United States, or Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) lines: 1-800-231-5469 within the United States or 1-201-680-6610 outside the United States.

When you vote, you will be directing the vote of all shares of Stock held in your account in each of the Plans in which you participate. By properly submitting your voting instructions, you authorize Mellon Bank, N.A., as trustee (the Trustee) of the 401(k), and Mellon Investor Services, LLC, as administrator of the ESPP, to vote all shares held in your accounts for the Plans as you direct. Such shares will be voted at Bank of New York Mellon's Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, and at any adjournment thereof. Your voting instructions are submitted directly to an independent proxy tabulator, who is obligated to hold them in confidence and not to reveal your individual votes to any person, including Bank of New York Mellon, except as may be required by law.

If you properly provide instructions by telephone or Internet as described in this e-mail, or if you properly submit a hard copy voting card, your shares will be voted according to your instructions. You must provide voting instructions as to each proposition on the ballot in order for your Internet or telephone voting instructions to be effective. If you properly submit a hard copy voting card without providing voting instructions, your shares will be voted in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Directors on each proposition.

If you do not properly submit a hard copy voting card or provide voting instructions by telephone or Internet, then (1) for shares held in the ESPP, no vote will be recorded and (2) for shares held in the 401(k), the Trustee will vote your shares FOR, AGAINST OR ABSTAIN in the same proportions as it votes the shares for which properly conveyed instructions are timely received. Consequently, a failure to provide instructions is not equivalent to voting FOR, AGAINST OR ABSTAIN with respect to any propositions on the ballot.

Your vote is important.

Thank you.