

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Mayer Jeffrey (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC.,Â 383 MADISON AVENUE  (Street)  NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10179  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/05/2007	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC [BSC]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Executive Committee Member	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	10,008	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
CAP Units (2002) <sup>(1)</sup>	11/30/2007	11/30/2007	Common Stock	102,408	\$ <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
CAP Units (2003) <sup>(1)</sup>	11/30/2008	11/30/2008	Common Stock	112,729	\$ <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
CAP Units (2004) <sup>(1)</sup>	11/30/2009	11/30/2009	Common Stock	80,230	\$ <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
CAP Units (2005) <sup>(1)</sup>	11/30/2010	11/30/2010	Common Stock	54,747	\$ <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
CAP Units (2006) <sup>(1)</sup>	11/30/2011	11/30/2011	Common Stock	52,033	\$ <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
Emp. Stock Option (Rt. to Buy)	11/29/2005	11/29/2012	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 64	D	Â
Emp. Stock Option (Rt. to Buy)	12/15/2003	12/15/2013	Common Stock	60,365	\$ 73.75	D	Â
Emp. Stock Option (Rt. to Buy)	12/22/2005	12/22/2015	Common Stock	33,673	\$ 116.5	D	Â
Emp. Stock Option (rt. to buy)	12/20/2006	12/20/2016	Common Stock	21,117	\$ 165.32	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/11/2003	12/11/2010	Common Stock	22,807	\$ 49.63	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/17/2004	12/17/2011	Common Stock	31,581	\$ 56.88	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/28/2004	12/28/2014	Common Stock	45,903	\$ 102.65	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mayer Jeffrey C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179	Â	Â	Â Executive Committee Member	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Mayer,  
Jeffrey

08/08/2007

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) CAP Units held in Reporting Person's account pursuant to Issuer's Capital Accumulation Plan for Senior Managing Directors; exempt under Rule 16b-3
- (2) This type of derivative security typically does not have a conversion or exercise price

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