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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
September 15, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 26  
DATED: September 10, 2003  
(To Prospectus dated April 24, 2003,  
and Prospectus Supplement dated April 24, 2003)

Rule 424(b)(3)  
File No. 333-104455

\$10,227,293,162  
THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.  
MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$65,000,000      Floating Rate Notes       Book Entry Notes   
Original Issue Date: 9/15/2003      Fixed Rate Notes       Certificated Notes   
Maturity Date: 9/15/2005      CUSIP#: 073928B77  
Option to Extend Maturity:      No        
  Yes            Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On -----	Redemption Price(s) -----	Optional Repayment Date(s) -----	Optional Repayment Price(s) -----
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:

- Commercial Paper Rate
- Federal Funds Effective Rate
- Federal Funds Open Rate
- Treasury Rate
- LIBOR Reuters
- LIBOR Telerate
- Prime Rate
- CMT Rate

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Interest Reset Date(s): \*

Interest Reset Period: Quarterly

Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*

Initial Interest Rate: 1.24%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: Three Months

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Spread (plus or minus): +0.10%

- \* On the 15th of each December, March, June and September prior to Maturity.
- \*\* On the 15th 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.