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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 Rule 424(b)(3) DATED: April 28, 2003 File No. 333-104455 (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: \$100,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x] Original Issue Date: 5/1/2003 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes [] Maturity Date: 4/29/2005 CUSIP#: 073928ZG1 Option to Extend Maturity: No [x] Yes [] Final Maturity Date: 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 Dates: Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes: ______ Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

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: 1.46%

Interest Payment Period: Monthly

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Index Maturity: One Month

Spread (plus or minus): +0.14%

- * On the 29th of each month prior to Maturity.
- ** On the 29th of each month and at Maturity.

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