

BANK OF NEW YORK CO INC  
Form DEFA14A  
March 24, 2006  
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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The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

March 24, 2006

To: Employees holding shares of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. Common Stock in an ESOP account.

The proxy card you recently received to vote your shares of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. Common Stock ("BK Stock") held in your Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") account(s) listed the correct number of shares in your account(s) but incorrectly labeled shares of BK Stock held in one ESOP account as "401 K" shares. The reference to "401 K" should have read "ESOP."

The number of shares shown next to "401 K" on the proxy card is actually the correct number of shares of BK Stock allocated to one ESOP account.

The number shown next to "SIP" on the proxy card is the correct number of shares of BK Stock held in your 401(k) Plan account as of the proxy record date.

The proxy card you received is valid. You may use the proxy card you received to instruct the trustees of the 401(k) and ESOP(s) to vote the number of shares shown on your proxy card. We will not be sending a revised proxy card.

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