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 Form 424B3
 June 24, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 17
 DATED: June 19, 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: \$100,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
 Original Issue Date: 6/24/2003 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
 Maturity Date: 6/24/2005 CUSIP#: 073928A37
 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:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis:	Maximum Interest Rate: N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Effective Rate	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Open Rate	Interest Reset Date(s): Daily
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period: Daily
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters	Interest Payment Date(s): *
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate	

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Initial Interest Rate: 1.4375%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.25%

* On the 24th of each September, December, March and June, including the maturity date.

At February 28, 2003:

- o the Company had outstanding (on an unconsolidated basis) approximately \$37.4 billion of debt and other obligations, including approximately \$34.3 billion of unsecured senior debt and \$2.6 billion of unsecured inter-company debt; and
- o subsidiaries of the Company had outstanding (after elimination of inter-company items) approximately \$145.5 billion of debt and other obligations (including \$47.9 billion related to securities sold under repurchase agreements, \$52.9 billion related to payables to customers, \$26.4 billion related to financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased, and \$18.3 billion of other liabilities, including \$13.6 billion of debt).

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