#### BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC

Form 4

December 01, 2006

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

NICKELL FRANK T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES** 

INC [BSC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/30/2006

X\_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O KELSO & COMPANY, 320 PARK AVENUE, 24TH FLOOR

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

below)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** 

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	3)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Emp. Dir. Stock Options (Rt. to Buy)	\$ 152.48	11/30/2006		A		122		05/31/2007	11/30/2016	Common Stock	122

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

NICKELL FRANK T C/O KELSO & COMPANY 320 PARK AVENUE, 24TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022

### **Signatures**

/s/ Nickell, Frank T. 12/01/2006

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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