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October 25, 2004

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. ${\tt IncomeNotes\,(SM)}$ With Maturities of Nine Months or More from Date of Issue

Registration No. 333-109793 Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3)

Pricing Supplement No. 45

(To Prospectus dated November 17, 2003,

and Prospectus Supplement dated November 17, 2003)

Trade Date: October 25, 2004
Issue Date: October 28, 2004

The date of this Pricing Supplement is October 25, 2004

Fixed Rate Notes

CUSIP# Interest Rate Date Public Commissions Reallowance

07387EGH4 5.52% 10/15/2029 100.00% 2.50% 0.350%

Subject to Redemption

First Interest Payment Date	First Interest Payment Amount	Survivor's Option	Yes/No	Date and Terms of Redemption	Ag Pr A
4/15/2005	\$25.61	Yes	Yes	Commencing on 10/15/2009 and on the 15th of each month thereafter until Maturity, the Notes may be called in whole at par at the option of the Company on ten calendar days notice.	\$1

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