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Pricing Supplement No. 31 Subject to Completion - dated January 16, 2007  
(To prospectus dated June 5, 2006 and prospectus supplement dated June 15, 2006)

The Bank of New York Company, Inc. [LOGO]

The Bank of New York Company, Inc.  
\$1,000,000,000

The Bank of New York Company, Inc. CoreNotes(Registered Service Mark)

| CUSIP Number | Aggregate Principal Amount | Price to Public(1) | Purchasing Agent's Discount(1) | Proceeds Before Expenses(1) |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0640P1KW2    | TBD                        | 100%               | 2.00%                          | 98.00%                      |

| Interest Rate Per Annum | Interest Payment Frequency | Stated Maturity Date | Survivor's Option |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 5.65%                   | Semi-Annual                | 1/18/2022            | Yes               |

Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes, Series I

Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of July and January of each year commencing 07/15/2007.

Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. on 01/15/2010 and each Interest Payment Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30 calendar days notice.

| CUSIP Number | Aggregate Principal Amount | Price to Public(1) | Purchasing Agent's Discount(1) | Proceeds Before Expenses(1) |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0640P1KX0    | TBD                        | 100%               | 2.50%                          | 97.50%                      |

| Interest Rate Per Annum | Interest Payment Frequency | Stated Maturity Date | Survivor's Option |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 5.70%                   | Semi-Annual                | 1/15/2032            | Yes               |

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Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of July and January of each year commencing 07/15/2007.  
Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. on 01/15/2012 and each Interest Payment Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30 calendar days notice.

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The Bank of New York Company, Inc.  
One Wall Street  
New York, New York 10286

Trade Date: 01/19/2007  
Issue Date: 01/24/2007  
Minimum Denominations/Increments: \$1,000/\$1,000  
Original Issue Discount: No  
All trades settle without accrued interest and clear SDFS: DTC Book-Entry only  
Merrill Lynch DTC Participant Number: 161

The defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of the Senior Indenture and the Senior Subordinated Indenture described under "Description of Senior Debt Securities and Senior Subordinated Debt Securities-Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance" in the Prospectus will apply to the Senior and Senior Subordinated Notes respectively.

(1) Expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount

"CoreNotes(Registered Service Mark)" is a registered service mark of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

Merrill Lynch & Co.  
Purchasing Agent  
Acting as Principal

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