

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 15-12B  
July 15, 2008

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

**FORM 15**

**CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO FILE REPORTS UNDER SECTIONS 13 AND 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.**

Commission File No. 001-8989

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

383 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10179  
(212) 272-2000

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

6.15% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series E, par value \$1.00 per share  
5.72% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series F, par value \$1.00 per share  
5.49% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series G, par value \$1.00 per share

(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

None

(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

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|----------------------|----|
| Rule 12g-4(a)(1)     | X  |
| Rule 12g-4(a)(2)     | .. |
| Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i)  | X  |
| Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii) | .. |
| Rule 15d-6           | .. |

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date:

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|---|---|
| 6.15% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series E, par value \$1.00 per share: | 0 |
|   | 0 |

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5.72% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series F, par value

\$1.00 per share:

5.49% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series G, par value

\$1.00 per share:

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. has caused this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

Date: July 15, 2008

/s/  
Anthony  
J.  
By: Horan  
Name: Anthony  
J.  
Horan  
Title:  
Vice  
President  
and  
Secretary