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 Form 424B3
 January 19, 2005

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 47
 DATED: January 12, 2005
 (To Prospectus dated November 17, 2003,
 and Prospectus Supplement dated November 17, 2003)

Rule 424(b)(3)
 File No. 333-109793

\$10,668,950,162
 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
 Medium-Term Notes, Series B

Principal Amount: \$9,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
 Original Issue Date: 2/1/2005 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
 Maturity Date: 2/1/2007 CUSIP#: 073928J53
 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
 Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
 Federal Funds Effective Rate
 Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): *
 Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Monthly
 LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): **
 LIBOR Telerate
 Prime Rate
 CMT Rate
 Initial Interest Rate: TBD Interest Payment Period: Monthly
 Index Maturity: One Month
 Spread (plus or minus): +0.02%

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* On the 1st of each month prior to Maturity.

** On the 1st of each month, including the maturity date.

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