

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC

Form 4

December 02, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MINIKES MICHAEL

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES
INC [BSC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO.
INC., 383 MADISON AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/30/2004

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Treasurer

NEW YORK, NY 10179

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/30/2004		M ⁽¹⁾		52,215	A	\$ 0
							307,215
							D
Common Stock	11/30/2004		J ⁽²⁾		52,215	D	\$ 90.93
							255,000
							D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
CAP Units (1999)	\$ 0	11/30/2004		M ⁽¹⁾	52,215	11/30/2004 11/30/2004	Common Stock	52,215

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MINIKES MICHAEL C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179			Treasurer	

Signatures

By: Michael
Minikes 12/01/2004

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Settlement of CAP Units and distribution of common stock to Reporting Person pursuant to CAP Plan; exempt under Rule 16b-3.

On September 7, 2004, the Reporting Person entered into a forward contract pursuant to the CAP Plan with The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (BSC) in which the Reporting Person agreed to sell up to, and including, 78,993 common shares of BSC issuable upon settlement of

(2) CAP Units pursuant to the CAP Plan to BSC. The forward contract settled on November 30, 2004. On November 30, 2004, the Reporting Person delivered to BSC 52,215 common shares of BSC in settlement of its obligation under the forward contract at a purchase price of \$90.9301 per share.

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