

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 CAYNE JAMES E

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/14/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Bd., CEO

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10179

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
CAP Units (1999)	<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2005	<u>A(2)</u>		25,438		11/30/2004	11/30/2004	Common Stock	25,438
CAP Units (2000)	<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2005	<u>A(2)</u>		27,038		11/30/2005	11/30/2005	Common Stock	27,038
CAP Units (2001)	<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2005	<u>A(2)</u>		2,893		11/30/2006	11/30/2006	Common Stock	2,893
CAP Units (2002)	<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2005	<u>A(2)</u>		10,171		11/30/2007	11/30/2007	Common Stock	10,171
CAP Units 2003	<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2005	<u>A(2)</u>		10,128		11/30/2008	11/30/2008	Common Stock	10,128

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CAYNE JAMES E C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179	X		Chairman of the Bd., CEO	

Signatures

By: James E. Cayne
02/15/2005

**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) This type of derivative security typically does not have a conversion or exercise price
- (2) CAP Units credited to Reporting Person's account (as of 2/14/05) based on Fiscal Year 2004 Net Earnings Adjustments pursuant to the Issuer's Capital Accumulation Plan for Senior Managing Directors (CAP Plan); exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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