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 October 04, 2004

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
 IncomeNotes (SM)
 With Maturities of Nine Months or More from Date of Issue

Registration No. 333-109793
 Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b) (3)
 Pricing Supplement No. 42
 (To Prospectus dated November 17, 2003,
 and Prospectus Supplement dated November 17, 2003)
 Trade Date: October 4, 2004
 Issue Date: October 7, 2004
 The date of this Pricing Supplement is October 4, 2004

Fixed Rate Notes

CUSIP#	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Price to Public	Discounts & Commissions	Reallowance
07387EGD3	4.30% from and including 10/7/04, to but excluding 9/15/08. 5.375% from and including 9/15/08, to but excluding 9/15/12. 6.375% from and including 9/15/12, to but excluding 9/15/16. 7.50% from and including 9/15/16, to but excluding 10/15/20.	10/15/2020	100.00%	2.50%	0.350%
07387EGE1	5.43%	10/15/2029	100.00%	2.50%	0.350%

Subject to Redemption

First Interest Payment Date	First Interest Payment Amount	Survivor's Option	Yes/No	Date and Terms of Redemption	Ag Pr A
11/15/2004	\$4.54	Yes	Yes	Commencing on 10/15/2008 and on the 15th of each month thereafter until Maturity, the Notes may be called in whole at par at the option of the Company on ten calendar days notice.	\$4
4/15/2005	\$28.36	Yes	Yes	Commencing on 10/15/2009 and on the 15th of each month thereafter until Maturity, the Notes may be called in whole at par at the option of the Company on ten calendar days notice.	\$2

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