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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2007

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 20, 2007

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.  
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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE ----- (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	File No. 1-8989 ----- (Commission File Number)	13-3286161 ----- (IRS Employer Identification Number)
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383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179  
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 272-2000  
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Not Applicable  
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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.  
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On December 20, 2007, The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (the "Registrant") issued a press release announcing financial results for its quarter ended and fiscal

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year ended November 30, 2007.

Item 8.01. Other Events.  
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An update on the Company's collateralized debt obligations (or "CDO's") and subprime related exposures is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The Board of Directors of the Registrant declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of 32 cents per share on the outstanding shares of common stock payable January 25, 2008 to stockholders of record on January 15, 2008. Also, the Board of Directors of the Registrant declared regular quarterly cash dividends on the outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series E, F & G, all payable January 15, 2008 to stockholders of record on December 31, 2007.

A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this Form 8-K and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

This information shall be considered "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.  
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(c) Exhibit:

- (99.1) Risk Exposure Chart
- (99.2) Press Release, dated December 20, 2007.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey M. Farber  
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Jeffrey M. Farber  
Senior Vice President - Finance  
and Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

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