

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 15, 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) March 15, 2007

**THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.**

(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)

383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 272-2000

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Not Applicable

(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))

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### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 15, 2007, The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (the Registrant ) issued a press release announcing financial results for its quarter ended February 28, 2007.

A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 13, 2007, The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. filed its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2006 and changed its presentation of segments therein to allocate certain revenues (predominantly interest) as well as certain corporate administrative expenses from Other to its three business segments, Capital Markets, Global Clearing Services and Wealth Management. Certain legal costs and costs related to the CAP Plan continue to be included in Other. Management believes that these changes provide an improved representation of each segment's contribution to net revenues and pre-tax income for which to evaluate performance.

A schedule reflecting the reclassified segment net revenues and pre-tax income figures for the three months ended February 28, 2006 and 2005, May 31, 2006 and 2005, August 31, 2006 and 2005 and November 30, 2006 and 2005, 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.

(c) Exhibit:

- (99.1) Press Release, dated March 15, 2007.
- (99.2) Segment Data, dated March 15, 2007.

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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  
Jeffrey M. Farber

Senior Vice President Finance  
and Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: March 15, 2007

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Exhibit No.

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(99.2)

Description

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