

PRIMUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|---------|----------|---|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC | | | (Month/Day/Year) | PRIMUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP INC [PRTL] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 02/22/2008 | | |
| 383 MADISON AVENUE | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | | |
| NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10179 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|---|--|---|
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 606,701 | D | Â |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Title | | | |

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| | | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---|
| 3.75% Convertible Notes due 2010 | 02/21/2008 | 09/15/2010 | Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 1,608,855 | \$ 9.32 | D | Â |
| 8% Convertible Notes due 2009 | 02/21/2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 08/15/2009 | Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 9,679,865 | \$ 1.19 | D | Â |
| 5% Exchangeable Senior Notes due 2009 | 02/21/2008 | 06/30/2009 | Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 2,083,325 | \$ 1.2 | D | Â |
| 5% Convertible Notes due 2009 | 02/21/2008 | 06/30/2009 | Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 1,874,993 | \$ 1.2 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179 | Â | Â X | Â | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth L. Edlow, Secretary for The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. 03/14/2008
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Ethan Garber, Senior Managing Director for Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. 03/14/2008
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) 5,000,000 notes were purchased on February 22, 2008, and were accordingly not exercisable until that date.

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Remarks:

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