

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
FARBER JEFFREY M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC [BSC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Use the instructions on page 16 to determine your relationship.)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO.
INC., 383 MADISON AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
12/21/2007

Director
10% Owner
X Officer (give title below)
Other (specify below)
Controller

(City) (State) (Zip)
NEW YORK, NY 10179

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Security, 2. Transaction Date, 2A. Deemed Execution Date, 3. Transaction Code, 4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (Amount, Price), 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s), 6. Ownership Form, 7. Nature of Ownership.

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
CAP Units (2002)	(2)	12/21/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	2,443	11/30/2007 11/30/2007	Common Stock 2,443
CAP Units 2007	(2)	12/21/2007		A ⁽³⁾	13,340	11/30/2007 11/30/2012	Common Stock 13,340

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FARBER JEFFREY M C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179			Controller	

Signatures

/s/ Farber, Jeffrey M. 12/21/2007

**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) Settlement of CAP Units and distribution of common stock to Reporting Person pursuant to CAP Plan; exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) This type of derivative security typically does not have a conversion or exercise price
- (3) Deferral of compensation and credit to Reporting Person's Account (as of 12/21/07 pursuant to the Issuer's Capital Accumulation Plan for Senior Managing Directors (CAP Plan); exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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