

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 CAYNE JAMES E

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/09/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Board

C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO.
 INC., 383 MADISON AVENUE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10179

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---|--|----|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| CAP Units (2002) | (1) | 01/09/2008 | A(2) | | 1,182 | | 11/30/2007 | 11/30/2007 | Common Stock | 1,182 |
| CAP Units (2003) | (1) | 01/09/2008 | A(2) | | 1,177 | | 11/30/2008 | 11/30/2008 | Common Stock | 1,177 |
| CAP Units (2004) | (1) | 01/09/2008 | A(2) | | 719 | | 11/30/2009 | 11/30/2009 | Common Stock | 719 |
| CAP Units (2005) | (1) | 01/09/2008 | A(2) | | 645 | | 11/30/2010 | 11/30/2010 | Common Stock | 645 |
| CAP Units (2006) | (1) | 01/09/2008 | A(2) | | 614 | | 11/30/2011 | 11/30/2011 | Common Stock | 614 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CAYNE JAMES E C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179 | X | | | Chairman of the Board |

Signatures

/s/ Cayne, James
E. 01/09/2008

**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) This type of derivative security typically does not have a conversion or exercise price

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- (2) CAP Units credited to Reporting Person's account (as of 1/9/08) based on Fiscal Year 2007 Net Earnings Adjustments pursuant to the Issuer's Capital Accumulation Plan for Senior Managing Directors (CAP Plan); exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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