

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 *
 SALERNO FREDERIC V

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, 400 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, 2ND FLR.

(Street)

WHITE PLAINS, NY 10604

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/30/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Following 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) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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)

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| 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Emp. Dir. Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 79.86 | 05/30/2008 | | D | 234 | 08/29/2008 02/28/2018 | Common Stock | 234 | |
| Non-Emp. Dir. Stock Options (Rt. to buy) | \$ 130.35 | 05/30/2008 | | D | 143 | 02/28/2007 08/31/2016 | Common Stock | 143 | |
| Non-Emp. Dir. Stock Options (Rt. to Buy) | \$ 152.48 | 05/30/2008 | | D | 122 | 05/31/2007 11/30/2016 | Common Stock | 122 | |
| Non-emp. dir. stock options (rt. to buy) | \$ 149.96 | 05/30/2008 | | D | 125 | 11/30/2007 05/31/2017 | Common Stock | 125 | |
| Non-Emp. Dir. Stock Options (Rt. to Buy) | \$ 108.66 | 05/30/2008 | | D | 172 | 02/29/2008 08/31/2017 | Common Stock | 172 | |
| Non-Emp. Dir. Stock Options (Rt. to Buy) | \$ 99.7 | 05/30/2008 | | D | 188 | 05/30/2008 11/30/2017 | Common Stock | 188 | |
| non-emp.dir. stock options (rt. to buy) | \$ 152.24 | 05/30/2008 | | D | 123 | 08/28/2007 02/28/2017 | Common Stock | 123 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SALERNO FREDERIC V
C/O VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS
400 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, 2ND FLR. X
WHITE PLAINS, NY 10604

Signatures

/s/ Salerno,
Frederic V. 06/02/2008

**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 option was converted in the merger into an option to purchase 50 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock for \$367.12 per share.
- (2) This option was converted in the merger into an option to purchase 31 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock for \$599.23 per share.
- (3) This option was converted in the merger into an option to purchase 26 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock for \$700.96 per share.
- (4) This option was converted in the merger into an option to purchase 27 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock for \$689.38 per share.
- (5) This option was converted in the merger into an option to purchase 37 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock for \$499.52 per share.
- (6) This option was converted in the merger into an option to purchase 40 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock for \$458.33 per share.
- (7) This option was converted in the merger into an option to purchase 26 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock for \$699.86 per share.

Remarks:

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