

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MINIKES MICHAEL2. 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)
C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO.
INC., 383 MADISON AVENUE3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/14/2005____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Treasurer(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 101794. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			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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(9-02)**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 Derivative	5. Number	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)		S (1)	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
CAP Units (1999)	<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2005	A <u>(2)</u>		5,630		11/30/2004	11/30/2004	Common Stock	5,630
CAP Units (2000)	<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2005	A <u>(2)</u>		5,621		11/30/2005	11/30/2005	Common Stock	5,621
CAP Units (2001)	<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2005	A <u>(2)</u>		1,209		11/30/2006	11/30/2006	Common Stock	1,209
CAP Units (2002)	<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2005	A <u>(2)</u>		1,528		11/30/2007	11/30/2007	Common Stock	1,528
CAP Units 2003	<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2005	A <u>(2)</u>		1,390		11/30/2008	11/30/2008	Common Stock	1,390

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MINIKES MICHAEL C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179			Treasurer	

Signatures

By: Michael
Minikes 02/15/2005

 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 2/14/05) based on Fiscal Year 2004 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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