

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
 Form 4
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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 *
 NICKELL FRANK T

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)
 C/O KELSO & COMPANY, 320 PARK AVENUE, 24TH FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/18/2007

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

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

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

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
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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
non-emp. dir. restricted stock units	(1)	04/18/2007	A(2)		500		10/18/2007	10/18/2007	Common Stock	500
non-emp. dir. stock options (rt to buy)	\$ 157.02	04/18/2007	A		1,200		10/18/2007	04/18/2017	Common Stock	1,200

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NICKELL FRANK T
 C/O KELSO & COMPANY
 320 PARK AVENUE, 24TH FLOOR
 NEW YORK, NY 10022

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Signatures

/s/ Nickell,
 Frank T. 04/18/2007

**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) This type of derivative security typically does not have a conversion or exercise price
- (2) Grant of Restricted Stock Units to Non-Employee Director as of April 18, 2007, pursuant to Issuer's Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Stock Unit Plan; exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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