BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NOVELLY PAUL A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P.O. BOX 6220

(Street)

ST. THOMAS, VI 00804

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/28/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director
_____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below)
_____ Other (specify below)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value $1.00 per share	02/28/2005(1)		M		35	A	$ 0	1,488.811 (2)	D	

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(5)	02/28/2005		M(1)			35	02/28/2005	02/28/2005	Common Stock	35
Non-Employee Director Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 99.5	02/28/2005		A(3)		94		08/31/2005	02/28/2015	Common Stock	94
Restricted Stock Units	(5)	02/28/2005		A(4)		31		08/31/2005	08/31/2005	Common Stock	31

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NOVELLY PAUL A P.O. BOX 6220 ST. THOMAS, VI 00804	X			

Signatures

/s/ Paul A. Novelly	03/02/2005
**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) Automatic vesting of restricted stock units previously issued under the issuer's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option and Stock Unit Plan; exempt under Rule 16b-3.

(2) Includes all dividends through the transaction date. Does not include 66,577 shares owned by St. Albans Global Management LLLP, a U.S. Virgin Islands limited liability limited partnership ("Global"), of which Mr. Novelly is the chief executive officer. Mr. Novelly disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by Global.

(3) Exempt issuance of options under Rule 16b-3 pursuant to the issuer's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option and Stock Unit Plan.

(4)

Exempt grant of Restricted Stock Units under Rule 16b-3 pursuant to the issuer's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option and Stock Unit Plan.

(5) 1-for-1

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