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The Bank of New York Company, Inc. CoreNotesSM

Filed under Rule 424 (b)(3), Registration Statement No. 333-103003, 333-103003-01, 333-103003-02, 333-103003-03 and 333-103003-04 Pricing Supplement No. 18 - dated January 16, 2004 (To prospectus dated March 6, 2003 and prospectus supplement dated March 28, 2003)

_____ Purchasing Proceeds Aggregate CUSIP Principal Price to Agent's Before
Number Amount Public(1) Discount(1) Expenses(1) ______ 0640P0AL9 \$1,008,000 100% 1.50% ______ Interest Interest Stated
Rate Per Payment Maturity
Annum Frequency Date Survivor's Option _____ 4.25% Semiannual 01/15/2014 YES Senior Medium-Term Notes Series E Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of January and July of each year commencing 07/15/2004.

Redemption Information: The Notes are not callable and are not subject to

optional redemption.

______ Aggregate Purchasing Proceeds
Principal Price to Agent's Before
Amount Public(1) Discount(1) Expenses(1) Aggregate Principal Price to Agent's CUSIP ______ 06406JED3 \$5,033,000 100% 2.00% 98.00% Interest Interest Stated
Rate Per Payment Maturity Survivor's
Annum Frequency Date Option ______ 5.25% 01/15/2019 Semiannual

Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series F

Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of January and July of each year

commencing 07/15/2004.

Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York

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Company, Inc. on 01/15/2007 and each Interest Payment Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30 calendar days notice.

Aggregate Purchasing Proceeds
CUSIP Principal Price to Agent's Before
Number Amount Public(1) Discount(1) Expenses(1)

06406JEE1 \$3,282,000 100% 2.50% 97.50%

Interest Interest Stated
Rate Per Payment Maturity Survivor's
Annum Frequency Date Option

5.45% Semiannual 01/16/2029 YES

Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series F

Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of January and July of each year

commencing 7/15/2004.

Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York

Company, Inc. on 01/15/2009 and each Interest Payment

Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30

calendar days notice.

The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

One Wall Street

New York, New York 10286

Trade Date: 01/16/2004
Issue Date: 01/22/2004

Minimum Denominations/Increments: \$1,000/\$1,000

Original Issue Discount: No

All trades settle without accrued interest and clear SDFS: DTC Book-Entry only Merrill Lynch DTC Participant Number: 5132

The defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of the Senior Indenture and the Senior Subordinated Indenture described under "Description of Senior Debt Securities and Senior Subordinated Debt Securities - Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance" in the Prospectus will apply to the Senior and Senior Subordinated Notes respectively.

(1) Expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount "CoreNotes" is a service mark of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

Merrill Lynch & Co. Purchasing Agent Acting as Principal
