BANK OF NEW YORK CO INC Form 424B3 May 17, 2005 Filed under Rule 424 (b)(3), Registration Statement No. 333-103003, 333-103003-01, 333-103003-02, and 333-103003-03 Pricing Supplement No. 87 - dated May 13, 2005 (To prospectus dated August 10, 2004 and prospectus supplement dated August 10, 2004) The Bank of New York Company, Inc. [LOGO] The Bank of New York Company, Inc. \$529,297,000 The Bank of New York Company, Inc. CoreNotes (Registered Service Mark) Purchasing Proceeds Aggregate CUSIP Principal Price to Agent's Before Number Amount Public(1) Discount(1) Expenses(1) _____ 0640P1CS0 \$7,680,000 100% 2.00% 98.00% _____ _____ Interest Interest Stated Rate Per Payment Maturity Rate PerPaymentMaturitySurvivorAnnumFrequencyDateOption Survivor's _____ 5.40% Semiannual 05/15/2020 YES _____ Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series F Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of May and November of each year commencing 11/15/2005. Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. on 05/15/2008 and each Interest Payment Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30 calendar days notice. 2 _____ Purchasing Proceeds Price to Agent's Before Aggregate CUSIP Principal Price to Amount Public(1) Discount(1) Expenses(1) Number _____ 0640P1CT8 \$4,258,000 100% 2.50% 97.50% _____ Interest Interest Stated Rate Per Payment Maturity Survivor's Annum Frequency Date Option _____ 5.50% Semiannual 05/15/2030 YES

Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series F

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Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of May and November of each year commencing 11/15/2005. Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. on 05/15/2010 and each Interest Payment Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30 calendar days notice.

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Trade Date: 05/13/2005
Issue Date: 05/18/2005
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: 161

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(Registered Service Mark)" is a registered service mark of Merrill
Lynch & Co., Inc.

Merrill Lynch & Co. Purchasing Agent Acting as Principal