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December 28, 2007

Ms. Velma Smith, Branch Chief
Branch of Filer Support 2, Mailstop 1-4
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W., Room #1004
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: The Bear Stearns Companies Inc.

Dear Ms. Smith:

Please be advised that NYSE Regulation, Inc. has received (on December 28, 2007) an application from the above-referenced issuer and has approved the following security for listing on NYSE Arca, Inc. ("Exchange"):

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The Exchange requests acceleration of registration of this security under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by stamping the enclosed copy with the date received and returning it in the post-paid self-addressed envelope. If there are any questions, please call me at (312) 442-7832. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Gray
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Lead Analyst—Listing Compliance

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