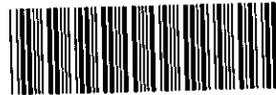


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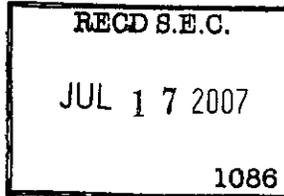


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Dear Ms. Smith:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, The Bear Stearns Companies Inc., Medium-Term Notes Linked to the Performance of the Alerian MLP Select Index and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on July 17, 2007. Tentative listing date – July 20, 2007.

Sincerely,

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