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The Bank of New York Company, Inc. [LOGO]

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\$1,000,000,000

The Bank of New York Company, Inc. CoreNotesSM

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Pricing Supplement No. 5 - Pricing Supplement dated October 17, 2003
(To prospectus dated March 6, 2003, and
prospectus supplement dated March 28, 2003)

| CUSIP Number | Aggregate Principal Amount | Price to Public(1) | Purchasing Agent's Discount(1) | Proceeds Before Expenses(1) |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 06406JDQ5 | \$5,296,000 | 100.00% | 2.00% | 98.00% |

| Interest Rate Per Annum | Interest Payment Frequency | Stated Maturity Date | Survivor's Option |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 5.60% | Semiannual | October 15, 2018 | YES |

Senior Subordinated Notes

Interest Payment Dates: April 15th and October 15th of each year commencing April 15, 2004

Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. on October 15, 2006 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: October 17, 2003

Issue Date: October 22, 2003

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 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 Notes.

(1) Expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount.

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Merrill Lynch & Co.
Purchasing Agent

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