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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 10, 2004
THE BANK OF NEW YORK COMPANY, INC.
(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
NEW YORK
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-6152 (Commission file number)

13-2614959 (I.R.S. employer

identification number)

One Wall Street, New York, NY (Address of principal executive offices)

10286 (Zip code)

212 - 495 - 1784

 $(Registrant \ \ s \ telephone \ number, including \ area \ code)$

Item 5 Other Events

Ten exhibits are filed herewith in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File Nos. 333-103003, 333-103003-01, 333-103003-02, 333-103003-03, 333-103003-04) filed by The Bank of New York Company, Inc. (the Company) with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering the Company s Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series F and Senior Medium-Term Notes Series E (collectively, the Notes), issuable under an Indenture, dated as of October 1, 1993 between the Company and J.P. Morgan Trust Company, National Association (the Senior Subordinated Indenture) and an Indenture, dated as of July 18, 1991 between the Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, respectively (the Senior Indenture). On August 10, 2004, the Company increased the existing limit on the aggregate initial public offering price of the Notes from \$1,422,150,000 to \$1,824,000,000, of which the Company has issued and sold \$1,294,703,000 of Notes as of such date.

Item 7	Financial	Statements.	Pro	Forma	Financial	Informat	ion and	Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

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- 4.1 Form of Registrant s Global Medium-Term Fixed Rate Note, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 26, 2002.

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- 5.1 Opinion of Paul A. Immerman, Esq.
- 23.1 Consent of Paul A. Immerman, Esq. (included in Exhibit 5.1)

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 10, 2004

The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

By: /s/ Thomas J. Mastro

Name: Thomas J. Mastro Title: Comptroller

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