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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. 6 - 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) |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 0640P0AB1 | \$1,641,000 | 100.00% | 1.50% | 98.50% |

| Interest Rate Per Annum | Interest Payment Frequency | Stated Maturity Date | Survivor's Option |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 4.60% | Semiannual | October 15, 2013 | YES |

Senior Notes

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

Redemption Information: The notes are not callable and are not subject to optional redemption.

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 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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Acting as Principal

