BANK OF NEW YORK CO INC Form 424B3 September 08, 2003 The Bank of New York Company, Inc. [LOGO] The Bank of New York Company, Inc. \$1,000,000,000 The Bank of New York Company, Inc. CoreNotesSM Filed under Rule 424 (b) (3), Registration Statement No. 333-103003, 333-103003-01, 333-103003-02, 333-103003-03 and 333-103003-04 Pricing Supplement dated September 5, 2003 (To prospectus dated March 6, 2003, and

prospectus supplement dated March 28, 2003) Aggregate Purchasing Proceeds CUSIP Principal Price to Agent's Before Number Amount Public(1) Discount(1) Expenses(1) \_\_\_\_\_ 06406JDJ1 \$1,688,000 100.00% 2.00% 98.00% \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Interest Interest Stated Payment Maturity Frequency Date Rate Per Survivor's Frequency Option Annum \_\_\_\_\_ 5.85% Semiannual September 17, 2018 YES \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Subordinated Notes Interest Payment Dates: March 15th and September 15th of each year commencing March 15, 2004 Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. on September 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: September 5, 2003 Issue Date: September 10, 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. "CoreNotes" is a service mark of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

> Merrill Lynch & Co. Purchasing Agent

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