

GODRIDGE LESLIE V  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 GODRIDGE LESLIE V

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BANK OF NEW YORK CO INC [BK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ONE WALL STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/23/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SEVP of The Bank of New York

NEW YORK, NY 10286  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (Par Value \$7.50)				(A) Amount Price	199,155.29	D	
Common Stock (Par Value \$7.50)				(A) Amount Price	1,735	I (1)	by daughter
Common Stock (Par Value \$7.50)				(A) Amount Price	1,735	I (2)	by Son

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Stock Units      12/22/2004      12/23/2004      A      1,156.05      A      \$ 6.93      190,712.5 <sup>(3)</sup>      D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GODRIDGE LESLIE V ONE WALL STREET NEW YORK, NY 10286			SEVP of The Bank of New York	

## Signatures

Leslie V Godridge      12/23/2004  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Owned as custodian for daughter under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act.
- (2) Owned as custodian for son under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act.
- (3) Represents number of stock units held in employer's stock fund in The Bank of New York Company, Inc. Employee Savings and Investment Plan, formerly the Profit Sharing Plan, as of December 23, 2004.

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