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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO.)

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The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

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J. Michael Shepherd
Secretary

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