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(To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,

and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

\$9,015,893,162
THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$10,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 6/1/2001 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []

Maturity Date: 5/31/2002 CUSIP#: 073928UH4

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [] Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)	Optional Repayment Date(s)	Optional Repayment Price(s)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis:

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

[] Commercial Paper Rate

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

[] Federal Funds Rate

Interest Reset Date(s): *

[] Treasury Rate

Interest Reset Period: Monthly

[] LIBOR Reuters

Interest Payment Date(s): **

[x] LIBOR Telerate

[] Prime Rate

[] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 4.11%

Interest Payment Period: Monthly

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Index Maturity: One Month

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.05%

- * On the 31st of each month prior to Maturity.
- ** On the 31st of each month and at Maturity.

The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.