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File No. 333-52902

(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: \$100,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 6/21/2001 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []

Maturity Date: 6/20/2003 CUSIP#: 073928UM3

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [] Final Maturity Date:

		Optional	Optional
	Redemption	Repayment	Repayment
Redeemable On	Price(s)	Date(s)	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

[x] Federal Funds Rate Interest Reset Date(s): Daily

[] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily

[] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): *

[] LIBOR Telerate

[] Prime Rate

[] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 4.3375% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.40%

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* On the 20th of each September, December, March and June, including the maturity date.

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