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 Form 424B3  
 February 26, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 7  
 DATED: February 26, 2002  
 (To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002,  
 and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002)

Rule 424(b)(3)  
 File No. 333-76894

\$10,006,693,162  
 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.  
 MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$20,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
 Original Issue Date: 2/26/2002 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes   
 Maturity Date: 2/26/2004 CUSIP#: 073928WM1  
 Option to Extend Maturity: No   
 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:  
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Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A  
 Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A  
 Federal Funds Effective Rate  
 Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): \*  
 Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Monthly  
 LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*  
 LIBOR Telerate  
 Prime Rate  
 CMT Rate  
 Initial Interest Rate: 2.15% Interest Payment Period: Monthly  
 Index Maturity: One Month  
 Spread (plus or minus): + 0.30%

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\* On the 26th of each month prior to Maturity.

\*\* On the 26th 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.