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7 ypin 1	PRICING DATED: (To Pros	SUPPLEMENT NO. 19 April 9, 2002 spectus dated Janua spectus Supplement				Rule 424(b)(3) File No. 333-76894			
	\$10,006,693,162 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. Medium-Term Notes, Series B								
	Principal Amount: \$25,000,000 Original Issue Date: 4/15/2002			Floating Rate Notes [x]			Book Entry Notes [x]		
				Fixed	Rate N	otes []	Certificated Notes []		
	Maturity	Date: 4/15/2004	CUSIP#: 073928WZ2						
	Option to Extend Maturity Redeemable On		:			Final Maturity Date:		ze:	
			Pric	nption ce(s)		Optional Repayment Date(s)		Optional Repayment Price(s)	
		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	
	Interest	erest Rate: erest Payment Dates: plicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:							
	Interest	 Maximum Interest Rate: N/A							
	[] Commercial Paper Rate				Minimum Interes				
	[]	e Rate							
	[]	5	Interest Reset Date(s): *						
	 Federal Funds Open Rate Treasury Rate LIBOR Reuters 				Interest Res			et Period: Quarterly	
					In	<pre>Interest Payment Date(s): **</pre>			
	[x]	LIBOR Telerate							
	[]	[] Prime Rate							
	[] CMT Rate								
	Initial		Interest Payment Period: Quarterl						
	Index Ma	ndex Maturity: Three Months							
	Spread (plus or minus): +0.22%								

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- $\star\,$ On the 15th of each July, October, January and April prior to Maturity.
- ** On the 15th of each July, October, January and April, including the maturity date.

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