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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: \$300,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 2/6/2001 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []

Maturity Date: 2/6/2002 CUSIP#: 073928ST1

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

Initial Interest Rate: 5.72% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

[] CMT Rate

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* On the 6th of May, August, November and at Maturity.

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