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Form 424B3

February 01, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 3

Rule 424(b) (3)

DATED: January 30, 2002

File No. 333-76894

(To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002,
and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002)

\$10,006,693,162

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 2/1/2002 Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes []

Maturity Date: 3/3/2003 CUSIP#: 073928WH2

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: 2.54%

Interest Payment Date(s): *

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Interest Rate Basis: | Maximum Interest Rate: |
| [] Commercial Paper Rate | Minimum Interest Rate: |
| [] Federal Funds Effective Rate | |
| [] Federal Funds Open Rate | Interest Reset Date(s): |
| [] Treasury Rate | Interest Reset Period: |
| [] LIBOR Reuters | Interest Payment Date(s): |
| [] LIBOR Telerate | |
| [] Prime Rate | |
| [] CMT Rate | |

Initial Interest Rate: Interest Payment Period:

Index Maturity:

Spread (plus or minus):

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* September 3, 2002 and at Maturity.

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