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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 62 Rule 424(b)(3) File No. 333-52902 DATED: July 27, 2001 (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: \$200,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x] Original Issue Date: 7/27/2001 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes [] Maturity Date: 7/29/2002 CUSIP#: 073928UV3 Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]Yes [] Final Maturity Date: Redeemable On Price(s) Date(s) Price(s) Price(s) Optional Optional 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

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[] Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

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

[] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Monthly

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

[x] LIBOR Telerate

[] Prime Rate

[] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 3.805% Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: One Month

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.03%

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- * On the 29th of each month prior to Maturity.
- ** On the 29th 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.