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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: \$100,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 8/13/2001 Fixed Rate Notes [ ] Certificated Notes [ ]

Maturity Date: 8/12/2002 CUSIP#: 073928UY7

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [ ] Final Maturity Date:

| Dodoomahlo On | Redemption | Optional<br>Repayment | Optional<br>Repayment |
|---------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Redeemable On | Price(s)   | Date(s)<br>           | 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:

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A Interest Rate Basis:

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

[ ] Federal Funds Effective Rate

[ x ] Federal Funds Open Rate + Interest Reset Date(s): Daily ++

[ ] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily

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

[ ] LIBOR Telerate

[ ] Prime Rate

[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 3.91% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.16%

+ Rate for Federal Funds as reported on Telerate Page 5 under the heading

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"Federal Funds/Open".

- ++ Interest Determination Dates are the same Business Day as the Interest Reset Dates.
- \* On the 12th of November, February, May and at Maturity.

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