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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 424B3  
 March 12, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 24  
 DATED: March 7, 2001  
 (To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,  
 and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

Rule 424(b) (3)  
 File No. 333-52902

\$9,015,893,162  
 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.  
 MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$15,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
 Original Issue Date: 3/12/2001 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes   
 Maturity Date: 3/12/2002 CUSIP#: 073928TFO  
 Option to Extend Maturity: No   
 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:  
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Interest Rate:  
 Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A  
 [ ] Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A  
 [ ] Federal Funds Rate Interest Reset Date(s): \*  
 [ ] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Semi-annually  
 [ ] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*  
 [x] LIBOR Telerate  
 [ ] Prime Rate  
 [ ] CMT Rate  
 Initial Interest Rate: 4.93% Interest Payment Period: Semi-annually

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Index Maturity: Six Months

Spread (plus or minus): N/A

\* On September 12, 2001 and at Maturity.

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