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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 424B3  
 March 23, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 27  
 DATED: March 21, 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: \$25,000,000  
 Original Issue Date: 4/11/2001

Floating Rate Notes [ ] Book Entry Notes [x]  
 Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes [ ]

Maturity Date: 4/11/2016 CUSIP#: 073928TJ2

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                         |

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate: 7.00%

Interest Payment Dates: \*\*

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis: [ ] Commercial Paper Rate  
 [ ] Federal Funds Rate  
 [ ] Treasury Rate  
 [ ] LIBOR Reuters  
 [ ] LIBOR Telerate  
 [ ] Prime Rate  
 [ ] CMT Rate

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A  
 Minimum Interest Rate: N/A  
 Interest Reset Date(s):  
 Interest Reset Period:  
 Interest Payment Date(s):

Initial Interest Rate: Interest Payment Period:

Index Maturity:

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Spread (plus or minus):

\*Commencing April 11, 2004 and on the interest payment dates thereafter until Maturity, the Notes may be called in whole at par at the option of the Company on eight calendar days notice.

\*\*Commencing October 11, 2001 and on the 11th of each April and October thereafter until Maturity or until the Notes are called.

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