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Form 424B3
May 22, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 47
DATED: May 18, 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: \$35,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
Original Issue Date: 5/22/2001 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
Maturity Date: 5/22/2002 CUSIP#: 073928UE1
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:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A
[] Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
[X] Federal Funds 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: 4.20%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.20%

* On the 22nd of August, November, February and at Maturity.

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