

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
 Form 424B3
 June 01, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 50
 DATED: May 29, 2001
 (To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,
 and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

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 File No. 333-52902

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

Principal Amount: \$10,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
 Original Issue Date: 6/1/2001 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
 Maturity Date: 5/31/2002 CUSIP#: 073928UH4

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
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Rate	Interest Reset Date(s): *
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period: Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters	Interest Payment Date(s): **
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate	
Initial Interest Rate: 4.11%	Interest Payment Period: Monthly

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Index Maturity: One Month

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.05%

* On the 31st of each month prior to Maturity.

** On the 31st 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.