BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC Form 424B3 February 20, 2001

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

Principal Amount: \$25,000,000	Floating Rate Notes [x]	Book Entry Notes [x]	
Original Issue Date: 2/20/2001	Fixed Rate Notes []	Certificated Notes []	
Maturity Date: 2/20/2003	CUSIP#: 073928TA1		
Option to Extend Maturity:	No [x] Yes [] Final Maturit	y Date:	

		Optional	Optional
	Redemption	Repayment	Repayment
Redeemable On	Price(s)	Date(s)	Price(s)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis:

[]	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		
Initi	al Interest Rate: 6.0125%	Interest Payment Period: Quarterly	
Index Maturity: N/A			

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.45%

* On the 20th of May, August, November, February and at Maturity.

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