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Form 424B3

February 01, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 3

DATED: January 30, 2002

(To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002,  
and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002)

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File No. 333-76894

\$10,006,693,162

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.  
MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [ ] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 2/1/2002 Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes [ ]

Maturity Date: 3/3/2003 CUSIP#: 073928WH2

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	N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate: 2.54%

Interest Payment Date(s): \*

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis:

- [ ] Commercial Paper Rate
- [ ] Federal Funds Effective Rate
- [ ] Federal Funds Open Rate
- [ ] Treasury Rate
- [ ] LIBOR Reuters
- [ ] LIBOR Telerate
- [ ] Prime Rate
- [ ] CMT Rate

Maximum Interest Rate:

Minimum Interest Rate:

Interest Reset Date(s):

Interest Reset Period:

Interest Payment Date(s):

Initial Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Period:

Index Maturity:

Spread (plus or minus):

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\* September 3, 2002 and at Maturity.

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