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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 15 Rule 424(b)(3) DATED: March 27, 2002 File No. 333-76894 (To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002, and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002) \$10,006,693,162 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: 4/2/2002 Fixed Rate Notes [ ] Certificated Notes [ ] Maturity Date: 4/2/2004 CUSIP#: 073928WV1 Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]
Yes [] Final Maturity Date: Redeemable On Price(s) Date(s) Price(s)

N/A N/A Optional Optional Repayment Repayment Repayment Price(s) Price(s) Repayment 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 [ ] Federal Funds Effective Rate [x] Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): Daily [ ] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily [ ] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \* [ ] LIBOR Telerate

Initial Interest Rate: 2.15% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

[ ] CMT Rate

Prime Rate

[ ]

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.40%

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\* On the 2nd of each July, October, January and April, including the maturity date.

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