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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
Form 424B3
May 18, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 45
DATED: May 15, 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: \$15,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [] Book Entry Notes [x]
Original Issue Date: 5/18/2001 Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes []
Maturity Date: 5/17/2002 CUSIP#: 073928UC5
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:

Interest Rate: 4.350%

Interest Payment Dates: *

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate:
[] Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate:
[] Federal Funds Rate Interest Reset Date(s):
[] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period:
[] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s):
[] LIBOR Telerate
[] Prime Rate
[] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: Interest Payment Period:

Index Maturity:

Spread (plus or minus):

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* On November 17, 2001 and at Maturity.

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