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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
Form 424B3
May 22, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 47
DATED: May 18, 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: \$35,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
Original Issue Date: 5/22/2001 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
Maturity Date: 5/22/2002 CUSIP#: 073928UE1
Option to Extend Maturity: No Final Maturity Date:
 Yes

| 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:

Commercial Paper Rate

Federal Funds Rate

Treasury Rate

LIBOR Reuters

LIBOR Telerate

Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Interest Reset Date(s): Daily

Interest Reset Period: Daily

Interest Payment Date(s): *

Initial Interest Rate: 4.20%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.20%

* On the 22nd of August, November, February and at Maturity.

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