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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
June 28, 2001

A PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 55  
DATED: June 25, 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: \$400,000,000      Floating Rate Notes [ ]      Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 6/28/2001      Fixed Rate Notes [x]      Certificated Notes [ ]

Maturity Date: 7/29/2002      CUSIP#: 073928UN1

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: 3.960%

Interest Payment Dates: \*

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis:

[ ] Commercial Paper Rate

[ ] Federal Funds Rate

[ ] Treasury Rate

[ ] LIBOR Reuters

[ ] LIBOR Telerate

[ ] Prime Rate

[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate:

Index Maturity:

Maximum Interest Rate:

Minimum Interest Rate:

Interest Reset Date(s):

Interest Reset Period:

Interest Payment Date(s):

Interest Payment Period:

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Spread (plus or minus):

\*On January 29, 2002 and at Maturity.

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