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February 26, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 7

DATED: February 26, 2002

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

Rule 424(b)(3)

File No. 333-76894

\$10,006,693,162

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

Principal Amount: \$20,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 2/26/2002 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 2/26/2004 CUSIP#: 073928WM1

Option to Extend Maturity: No   
Yes  Final Maturity Date:

| Redeemable On<br>----- | Redemption<br>Price(s)<br>----- | Optional<br>Repayment<br>Date(s)<br>----- | Optional<br>Repayment<br>Price(s)<br>----- |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| N/A                    | N/A                             | N/A                                       | N/A  |

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Federal Funds Effective Rate

Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): \*

Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Monthly

LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*

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Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 2.15% Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: One Month

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.30%

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\* On the 26th of each month prior to Maturity.

\*\* On the 26th of each month and at Maturity.

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