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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
May 23, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 48  
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: \$300,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
Original Issue Date: 5/23/2001 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes   
Maturity Date: 5/24/2004 CUSIP#: 073928UF8  
Option to Extend Maturity: No   
Yes  Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)	Optional Repayment Date(s)	Optional Repayment Price(s)
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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 Rate Interest Reset Date(s): \*  
[ ] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Quarterly  
[ ] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*  
[X] LIBOR Telerate  
[ ] Prime Rate  
[ ] CMT Rate  
Initial Interest Rate: 4.675% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly  
Index Maturity: Three Months

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.60%

\* On the 24th of each August, November, February and May prior to Maturity.

\*\* On the 24th of each August, November, February and May, including the maturity date.

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