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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 57 Rule 424(b)(3) DATED: July 12, 2001 File No. 333-52902 (To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001, and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001) \$9,015,893,162 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B Principal Amount: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [] Book Entry Notes [x] Original Issue Date: 7/17/2001 Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes [] Maturity Date: 7/17/2002 CUSIP#: 073928QU4 Option to Extend Maturity: No [x] Yes [] Final Maturity Date: Redeemable OnPrice(s)Date(s)Price(s)Price(s)Price(s)Price(s) N/A N/A N/A N/A Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes: _____ Interest Rate: 4.050% 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 January 17, 2002 and at Maturity.

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