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September 17, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 74

DATED: September 6, 2001

(To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,
and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

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File No. 333-52902

\$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
Original Issue Date: 9/11/2001 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
Maturity Date: 9/11/2002 CUSIP#: 073928VH3
Option to Extend Maturity: No
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:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

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: 3.59%

Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: One Month

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.02%

* On the 11th of each month prior to Maturity.

** On the 11th 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.