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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
May 22, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 47  
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: \$35,000,000      Floating Rate Notes     Book Entry Notes   
Original Issue Date: 5/22/2001      Fixed Rate Notes         Certificated Notes   
Maturity Date: 5/22/2002              CUSIP#: 073928UE1  
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
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Rate	Interest Reset Date(s): Daily
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period: Daily
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters	Interest Payment Date(s): *
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate	

Initial Interest Rate: 4.20%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.20%

\* On the 22nd of August, November, February and at Maturity.

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