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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
October 24, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 79  
DATED: October 23, 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: \$20,000,000      Floating Rate Notes       Book Entry Notes   
Original Issue Date: 10/24/2001      Fixed Rate Notes       Certificated Notes   
Maturity Date: 10/24/2002      CUSIP#: 073928VN0  
Option to Extend Maturity:      No       Final Maturity Date:  
Yes

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:  
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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): Daily ++  
 Treasury Rate      Interest Reset Period: Daily  
 LIBOR Reuters      Interest Payment Date(s): \*  
 LIBOR Telerate  
 Prime Rate

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[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 2.68%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.18%

+ Rate for Federal Funds as reported on Telerate Page 5 under the heading "Federal Funds/Open".

++ Interest Determination Dates are the same Business Day as the Interest Reset Dates.

\* On the 24th of January, April, July and at Maturity.

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