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November 20, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 81

Rule 424(b) (3)

DATED: November 15, 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: \$200,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 11/20/2001 Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes []

Maturity Date: 12/20/2002 CUSIP#: 073928VR1

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]
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: 2.425%

Interest Payment Dates: *

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis:

Maximum Interest Rate:

[] Commercial Paper Rate

Minimum Interest Rate:

[] Federal Funds Effective Rate

[] Federal Funds Open 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 June 20, 2002 and at Maturity.

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