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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 4 Rule 424(b)(3) DATED: January 30, 2002 File No. 333-76894 (To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002, and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002) \$10,006,693,162 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B Principal Amount: \$130,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x] Original Issue Date: 2/1/2002 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes [] CUSIP#: 073928WJ8 Maturity Date: 2/3/2003 Option to Extend Maturity: No [x] Yes [] Final Maturity Date: Optional Optional Repayment Repayment Date(s) Price(s) Redemption Repayment
Redeemable On Price(s) Date(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 [x] 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 CMT Rate [] Initial Interest Rate: 1.97% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly Index Maturity: N/A

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* On the 3rd of May, August, November and at Maturity.

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