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 Form 424B3
 May 18, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 45
 DATED: May 15, 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: \$15,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [] Book Entry Notes [x]
 Original Issue Date: 5/18/2001 Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes []
 Maturity Date: 5/17/2002 CUSIP#: 073928UC5
 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: 4.350%

Interest Payment Dates: *

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis:	Maximum Interest Rate:
[] Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate:
[] Federal Funds 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 November 17, 2001 and at Maturity.

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