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 April 09, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 18
 DATED: April 9, 2002
 (To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002,
 and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002)

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 File No. 333-76894

\$10,006,693,162
 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
 MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
 Original Issue Date: 4/9/2002 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
 Maturity Date: 4/9/2003 CUSIP#: 073928WY5
 Option to Extend Maturity: No 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:
 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
 Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): *
 Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Monthly
 LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): **
 LIBOR Telerate
 Prime Rate
 CMT Rate
 Initial Interest Rate: 1.86% Interest Payment Period: Monthly
 Index Maturity: One Month
 Spread (plus or minus): N/A

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* On the 9th of each month prior to Maturity.

** On the 9th of each month and at Maturity.

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