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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
September 17, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 74  
DATED: September 6, 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: \$25,000,000    Floating Rate Notes     Book Entry Notes   
Original Issue Date: 9/11/2001    Fixed Rate Notes     Certificated Notes   
Maturity Date: 9/11/2002    CUSIP#: 073928VH3  
Option to Extend Maturity:    No      
                                      Yes        Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)	Optional Repayment Date(s)	Optional Repayment Price(s)
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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): \*  
[ ] Treasury Rate    Interest Reset Period: Monthly  
[ ] LIBOR Reuters    Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*  
[x] LIBOR Telerate  
[ ] Prime Rate  
[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 3.59%

Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: One Month

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.02%

\* On the 11th of each month prior to Maturity.

\*\* On the 11th 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.