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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:  
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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): \*\*

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.