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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 424B3  
 February 13, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 17  
 DATED: February 8, 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 [x]  
 Original Issue Date: 2/26/2001      Fixed Rate Notes [x]      Certificated Notes [ ]  
 Maturity Date: 2/26/2016      CUSIP#: 073928SY0  
 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

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate: 7.00%

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 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:

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- \* Commencing February 26, 2004 and on the interest payment dates thereafter until Maturity, the Notes may be called in whole at par at the option of the Company on eight calendar days notice.
- \*\* Commencing March 26, 2001 and on the 26th of each month thereafter until Maturity or until the Notes are called.

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