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 Form 424B3
 May 18, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 46
 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: \$50,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
 Original Issue Date: 5/18/2001 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
 Maturity Date: 5/17/2002 CUSIP#: 073928UD3
 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 Rate Interest Reset Date(s): Daily
 Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily
 LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): *
 LIBOR Telerate
 Prime Rate
 CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 4.2625% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.20%

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* On the 17th of each August, November, February and at Maturity.

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