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May 23, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 48

Rule 424(b)(3)

DATED: May 18, 2001

(To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,
and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

\$9,015,893,162
THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$300,000,000		Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]					:]
Original Issue Date: 5/23/2001		Fixed Rate Notes [ ] Certificated Notes [					[ ]
Maturity Date: 5/24/2004		CUSIP#: 073928UF8					
Option to Extend Maturity:				Final Maturit	y Date:		
Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)				Repayment		
N/A	N/A			N/A		N/A	
Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:							
Interest Rate:							
Interest Payment Dates:							

Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

[ ] Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

[ ] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Quarterly

[ ] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*

[X] LIBOR Telerate

[ ] Prime Rate

[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 4.675% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: Three Months

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.60%

- \* On the 24th of each August, November, February and May prior to Maturity.
- \*\* On the 24th of each August, November, February and May, including the maturity date.

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