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March 21, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 24A

DATED: March 7, 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: \$15,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 3/12/2001 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []

Maturity Date: 3/12/2002 CUSIP#: 073928TFO

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [] Final Maturity Date:

		Optional	Optional
	Redemption	Repayment	Repayment
Redeemable On	Price(s)	Date(s)	Price(s)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate:

[] CMT 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): *

[] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Semi-annually

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

[x] LIBOR Telerate

[] Prime Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 4.93% Interest Payment Period: Semi-annually

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Index Maturity: Six Months

Spread (plus or minus): N/A

- * On September 12, 2001.
- ** On September 12, 2001 and at Maturity.

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