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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 37

DATED: April 11, 2001

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File No. 333-52902

(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: \$50,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 4/17/2001 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []

Maturity Date: 4/17/2003 CUSIP#: 073928TU7

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [] Final Maturity Date:

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

[] Commercial Paper Rate

Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

[] Federal Funds Rate Interest Reset Date(s): Daily

[] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily

[] LIBOR Telerate

[x] Prime Rate

[] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 5.65% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): -2.35%

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 $^{\star}\,$ On the 17th of each July, October, January and April, including the maturity date.

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