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 Form 424B3
 July 12, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 56
 DATED: June 26, 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: \$125,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
 Original Issue Date: 7/19/2001 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
 Maturity Date: 7/19/2016 CUSIP#: 073928UP6
 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

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate: 7.00%

Interest Payment Dates: **

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis:	Maximum Interest Rate:
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate:
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Rate	Interest Reset Date(s):
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period:
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters	Interest Payment Date(s):
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate	

Initial Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Period:

Index Maturity:

Spread (plus or minus):

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* Commencing July 19, 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 ten calendar days notice.

** Commencing August 19, 2001 and on the 19th 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.