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**BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC**  
**Form 424B3**  
**September 17, 2001**

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 74  
DATED: September 6, 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: \$25,000,000      Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
Original Issue Date: 9/11/2001      Fixed Rate Notes       Certificated Notes   
Maturity Date: 9/11/2002      CUSIP#: 073928VH3  
Option to Extend Maturity:      No   
Yes  Final Maturity Date:

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

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis:	Maximum Interest Rate: N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Effective Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Open Rate	Interest Reset Date(s): *
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period: Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters	Interest Payment Date(s): **
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate	

Initial Interest Rate: 3.59%      Interest Payment Period: Monthly  
Index Maturity: One Month

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.02%

\* On the 11th of each month prior to Maturity.

\*\* On the 11th of each month and at Maturity.

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