## Edgar Filing: BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC - Form 424B3

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC Form 424B3	
October 24, 2001	
PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 79	Rule 424(b)(3)
DATED: October 23, 2001	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: \$20,000,000	Floating Rate Notes [x]	Book Entry Notes [x]
Original Issue Date: 10/24/2001	Fixed Rate Notes [ ]	Certificated Notes [ ]
Maturity Date: 10/24/2002	CUSIP#: 073928VN0	
Option to Extend Maturity:	No [x] Yes [] Final Maturity D	Date:

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

mppircubic	OUTLY	00	IIACU	nace	NOCCO.
Applicable	Onlv	tο	Fixed	Rate	Notes:

Interest 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 Effective Rate	
[X] Federal Funds Open Rate +	<pre>Interest Reset Date(s): Daily ++</pre>
[ ] Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period: Daily
[ ] LIBOR Reuters	<pre>Interest Payment Date(s): *</pre>
[ ] LIBOR Telerate	

[ ] Prime Rate

## Edgar Filing: BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC - Form 424B3

[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 2.68% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.18%

+ Rate for Federal Funds as reported on Telerate Page 5 under the heading "Federal Funds/Open".

++ Interest Determination Dates are the same Business Day as the Interest Reset Dates.

\* On the 24th of January, April, July and at Maturity.

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