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January 31, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 Rule 424(b)(3) DATED: January 28, 2002 File No. 333-76894 (To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002, and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002) \$10,006,693,162 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. Medium-Term Notes, Series B Principal Amount: \$250,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [] Book Entry Notes [x] Original Issue Date: 1/31/2002 Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes [] Maturity Date: 2/28/2003 CUSIP#: 073928WF6 Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]Yes [] Final Maturity Date: Redeemable On Price(s) Date(s) Price(s) Price(s) Optional Optional N/A N/A N/A N/A Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes: Interest Rate: 2.61% Interest Payment Date(s): February 28, 2003 Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes: _____ Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: [] Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: [] Federal Funds Effective Rate [] Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s):

Spread (plus or minus):

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