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February 26, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 7 Rule 424(b)(3) DATED: February 26, 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: \$20,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x] Original Issue Date: 2/26/2002 Fixed Rate Notes [ ] Certificated Notes [ ] Maturity Date: 2/26/2004 CUSIP#: 073928WM1 Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]Yes [ ] Final Maturity Date: Optional Optional Repayment Repayment
Date(s) Price(s) Redemption
Price(s) Redeemable On N/A N/A N/A N/A Applicable Only to 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 [ ] Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): \* [ ] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Monthly [ ] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \*\* [x] LIBOR Telerate [ ] Prime Rate [ ] CMT Rate Initial Interest Rate: 2.15% Interest Payment Period: Monthly

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- \* On the 26th of each month prior to Maturity.
- \*\* On the 26th 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.