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

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Novem	ber 04, 2002 PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 44 DATED: October 23, 2002 (To Prospectus dated January 25 and Prospectus Supplement dated		25, 2002)	Rule 424(b)(3) File No. 333-76894
	\$10,006,693,162 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B			
	Principal Amount: \$15,000,000	Floatir	ng Rate Notes [ ] Bo	ook Entry Notes [x]
	Original Issue Date: 11/8/2002	Fixed H	Rate Notes [x] Ce	ertificated Notes [ ]
	Maturity Date: 11/8/2017	CUSIP#:	: 073928YA5	
	Option to Extend Maturity:	No Yes	[x] [ ] Final Maturity I	Date:
	Minimum Denominations: \$1,000, increased in multiple			ples of \$1,000
	Redeemable On Price		-	Optional Repayment Price(s)
	* N/	'A	N/A	N/A
	Applicable Only to Fixed Rate N	Notes:		
	Interest Rate: 6.25% Interest Payment Date(s): ** 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		<pre>Interest Reset Date(s):</pre>	
	[ ] Treasury Rate		Interest Reset Period:	
	[ ] LIBOR Reuters		<pre>Interest Payment Date(s):</pre>	
	[ ] LIBOR Telerate			
	[ ] Prime Rate			
	[ ] CMT Rate			
	Initial Interest Rate:		Interest Payment Pe	eriod:

Index Maturity:

Spread (plus or minus):

\* Commencing November 8, 2005 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 December 8, 2002 and on the 8th 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.