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Form 424B3

November 04, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 44

Rule 424(b)(3)

DATED: October 23, 2002

(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: \$15,000,000			Floating Rate Notes [ ] Book Entry Notes [x]			
Original Issue Date: 11/8/2002			Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes [ ]			
Maturity Date: 11/8/2017			CUSIP#: 073928YA5			
Option to Extend Maturity:			No [x] Yes [] Final Maturity Date:			
Minimum Denominations:			\$1,000, increased in multiples of \$1,000			
	edeemable On	Redempt Price(	s)	Optional Repayment Date(s)		Optional Repayment Price(s)
	*	N/A		N/A		N/A
Appl	icable Only to Fix	ed Rate No	tes:			
Inte	rest Rate: 6.25% rest Payment Date( icable Only to Flo	ating Rate				
Interest Rate Basis:				Maximum Interest Rate:		
[ ]	Commercial Paper	Rate		Minimum Interest Rate:		
[ ]	Federal Funds Effective Rate					
[ ]	Federal Funds Op	en Rate		<pre>Interest Reset Date(s):</pre>		
[ ]	Treasury Rate			Interest Reset Period:		
[ ]	LIBOR Reuters			Interest Payment Date(s):		
[ ]	LIBOR Telerate					
[ ]	Prime Rate					
[ ]	CMT Rate					
Init	ial Interest Rate:			Interest Payment	Period:	

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Index Maturity:

Spread (plus or minus):

- $\star$  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.