

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
June 24, 2002

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) June 20, 2002

**THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.**

Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter

DELAWARE  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

File No. 1-8989  
(Commission File Number)

13-3286161  
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 272-2000

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 5. Other Events

Filed herewith is a copy of The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (the Company ) Press Release, dated June 20, 2002, announcing its regular quarterly cash dividend on its outstanding shares of common stock.

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Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements of business acquired:

Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma financial information:

Not applicable.

(c) Exhibit:

(99) Press Release, dated June 20, 2002.

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

By: /s/ Marshall J Levinson  
Marshall J Levinson  
Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: June 24, 2002

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
(99)	Press Release, dated June 20, 2002

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**THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. DECLARES  
\$0.15 COMMON STOCK CASH DIVIDEND**

NEW YORK -June 20, 2002- The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (NYSE: BSC) today announced that it has declared a regular quarterly cash dividend on its outstanding shares of common stock. The Board of Directors declared a regular, quarterly cash dividend of 15 cents per share on the outstanding shares of common stock, payable July 31, 2002, to stockholders of record on July 17, 2002.

Founded in 1923, The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (NYSE: BSC) is the parent company of Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., a leading investment banking and securities trading and brokerage firm serving governments, corporations, institutions and individuals worldwide. With approximately \$31.0 billion in total capital, the company's business includes corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions, institutional equities and fixed income sales, trading and research, private client services, derivatives, foreign exchange and futures sales and trading, asset management and custody services. Through Bear, Stearns Securities Corp., it offers prime broker and broker dealer clearing services, including securities lending. Headquartered in New York City, the company has approximately 10,500 employees worldwide. For additional information about Bear Stearns, please visit our Web site at <http://www.bearstearns.com>.