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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 424B3  
 May 18, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 45  
 DATED: May 15, 2001  
 (To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,  
 and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

Rule 424(b) (3)  
 File No. 333-52902

\$9,015,893,162  
 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: 5/18/2001 Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes [ ]  
 Maturity Date: 5/17/2002 CUSIP#: 073928UC5  
 Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]  
 Yes [ ] Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On -----	Redemption Price(s) -----	Optional Repayment Date(s) -----	Optional Repayment Price(s) -----
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate: 4.350%

Interest Payment Dates: \*

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate:  
 [ ] Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate:  
 [ ] Federal Funds Rate Interest Reset Date(s):  
 [ ] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period:  
 [ ] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s):  
 [ ] LIBOR Telerate  
 [ ] Prime Rate  
 [ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: Interest Payment Period:

Index Maturity:

Spread (plus or minus):

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\* On November 17, 2001 and at Maturity.

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