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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 424B3  
 May 18, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 46  
 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: \$50,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
 Original Issue Date: 5/18/2001 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes   
 Maturity Date: 5/17/2002 CUSIP#: 073928UD3  
 Option to Extend Maturity: No   
 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:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A  
 Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A  
 Federal Funds Rate Interest Reset Date(s): Daily  
 Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily  
 LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \*  
 LIBOR Telerate  
 Prime Rate  
 CMT Rate  
 Initial Interest Rate: 4.2625% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly  
 Index Maturity: N/A  
 Spread (plus or minus): + 0.20%

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\* On the 17th of each August, November, February and at Maturity.

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