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September 17, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 74

DATED: September 6, 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: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 9/11/2001 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 9/11/2002 CUSIP#: 073928VH3

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:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A
[] Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
[] Federal Funds Effective Rate
[] Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): *
[] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Monthly
[] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): **
[x] LIBOR Telerate
[] Prime Rate
[] CMT Rate
Initial Interest Rate: 3.59% Interest Payment Period: Monthly
Index Maturity: One Month

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.02%

* On the 11th of each month prior to Maturity.

** On the 11th of each month and at Maturity.

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