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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 424B3  
 March 27, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 11  
 DATED: March 14, 2002  
 (To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002,  
 and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002)

Rule 424(b)(3)  
 File No. 333-76894

\$10,006,693,162  
 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.  
 MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$150,000,000+ Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
 Original Issue Date: 4/1/2002 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes   
 Maturity Date: 6/1/2004 CUSIP#: 073928WQ2  
 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: Quarterly

LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*

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Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: TBA% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: Three Months

Spread (plus or minus): +0.35%

+ Issued in minimum denominations of \$10,000, increased in multiples of \$1,000.

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\* On the 1st of each June, September, December and March prior to Maturity.

\*\* 6/1/02, 9/1/02, 12/1/02, 3/1/03, 6/1/03, 9/1/03, 12/1/03, 3/1/04 and  
6/1/04

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