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Form 424B3

May 22, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 22

DATED: May 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: \$20,000,000      Floating Rate Notes [ ]      Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 5/23/2002      Fixed Rate Notes [x]      Certificated Notes [ ]

Maturity Date: 5/23/2022      CUSIP#: 073928XC2

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

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate: 7.00%

Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis:      Maximum Interest Rate:

[ ] Commercial Paper Rate      Minimum Interest Rate:

[ ] Federal Funds Effective Rate

[ ] Federal Funds Open 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:

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Spread (plus or minus):

- \* Commencing May 23, 2006 and on the interest payment dates thereafter until Maturity, the Notes may be called in whole at par at the option of the Company on ten calendar days notice.
- \*\* Commencing June 23, 2002 and on the 23rd of each month thereafter until Maturity or until the Notes are called.

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