BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC Form 424B3 March 27, 2002 PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 11 Rule 424(b)(3) DATED: March 14, 2002 File No. 333-76894 (To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002, and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002) \$10,006,693,162 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B Principal Amount: \$150,000,000+ Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x] Original Issue Date: 4/1/2002 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes [] CUSIP#: 073928WQ2 Maturity Date: 6/1/2004 Option to Extend Maturity: No [x] Yes [] Final Maturity Date: OptionalOptionalRedemptionRepaymentRepaymentPrice(s)Date(s)Price(s) Redeemable On 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): ** [x] LIBOR Telerate [] 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.