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 Form 424B3
 October 24, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 79
 DATED: October 23, 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: \$20,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
 Original Issue Date: 10/24/2001 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
 Maturity Date: 10/24/2002 CUSIP#: 073928VN0
 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): Daily ++
 Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily
 LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): *
 LIBOR Telerate
 Prime Rate

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[] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 2.68%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.18%

+ Rate for Federal Funds as reported on Telerate Page 5 under the heading "Federal Funds/Open".

++ Interest Determination Dates are the same Business Day as the Interest Reset Dates.

* On the 24th of January, April, July and at Maturity.

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