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January 15, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 49

Rule 424(b) (3)

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(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: \$175,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 1/16/2003 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 2/13/2004 CUSIP#: 073928YG2

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: [] Commercial Paper Rate [] Federal Funds Effective Rate [] Federal Funds Open Rate [] Treasury Rate [] LIBOR Reuters [] LIBOR Telerate [x] Prime Rate + [] CMT Rate
Maximum Interest Rate: N/A
Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
Interest Reset Date(s): Daily
Interest Reset Period: Daily
Interest Payment Date(s): *

Initial Interest Rate: TBA% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): -2.86%

+ Prime Rate as reported on Telerate Page 5 under the heading "Bank Rates/Prime."

* On the 13th of February, May, August, November and at Maturity.

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