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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 50

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: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 1/17/2003 Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes []

Maturity Date: 2/13/2004 CUSIP#: 073928YJ6

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 | ----- N/A |

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate: 1.57%

Interest Payment Date(s): 2/13/04

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

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:

Spread (plus or minus):

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