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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 424B3  
 January 15, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 49  
 DATED: January 13, 2003  
 (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: \$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  
 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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