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Form 424B3

February 24, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 55

DATED: February 19, 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: \$250,000,000      Floating Rate Notes       Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 2/24/2003      Fixed Rate Notes       Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 2/24/2004      CUSIP#: 073928YR8

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): \*

Treasury Rate      Interest Reset Period: Monthly

LIBOR Reuters      Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*

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Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.3375%      Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: One Month

Spread (plus or minus): N/A

\* On the 24th of each month prior to Maturity.

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\*\* On the 24th of each month and at Maturity.

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