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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
 Form 424B3
 September 17, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 74
 DATED: September 6, 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: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
 Original Issue Date: 9/11/2001 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
 Maturity Date: 9/11/2002 CUSIP#: 073928VH3
 Option to Extend Maturity: No
 Yes Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)	Optional Repayment Date(s)	Optional Repayment Price(s)
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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: <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Effective Rate <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Open Rate <input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate <input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate <input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate Initial Interest Rate: 3.59% Index Maturity: One Month	Maximum Interest Rate: N/A Minimum Interest Rate: N/A Interest Reset Date(s): * Interest Reset Period: Monthly Interest Payment Date(s): ** Interest Payment Period: Monthly
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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.02%

* On the 11th of each month prior to Maturity.

** On the 11th 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.