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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 5 Rule 424(b)(3) File No. 333-76894 DATED: January 31, 2002 (To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002,

\$10,006,693,162

and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002)

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$50,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 2/4/2002 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []

CUSIP#: 073928WK5 Maturity Date: 2/4/2004

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:

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

[x] Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): Daily

[] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily

[] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): *

[] LIBOR Telerate

[] Prime Rate

[] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 2.2425% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.43%

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 * $\,$ On the 4th of each May, August, November and February, including the maturity date.

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