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Form 424B3

January 15, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 50

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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

\$25,000,000

Original Issue Date: Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes []

1/17/2003

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

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [ ] Final Maturity Date:

 Redeemable On N/A
 Price(s) N/A
 Date(s) N/A
 Price(s) N/A
 N/A
 N/A
 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

[ ] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period:

[ ] LIBOR Telerate

[ ] Prime Rate

[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: Interest Payment Period:

Index Maturity:

Spread (plus or minus):

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