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September 24, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 35

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File No. 333-76894

(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

Principal Amount: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 9/24/2002 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []

Maturity Date: 3/24/2004 CUSIP#: 073928XR9

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [] Final Maturity Date:

Redemption Repayment Repayment
Redeemable On Price(s) Date(s) Price(s)
-----N/A 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

[] LIBOR Telerate

[] Prime Rate

[] CMT Rate

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.32%

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* On the 24th of each June, September, December and March, including the maturity date.

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