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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
January 16, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 49A  
DATED: January 13, 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: Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
\$175,000,000

Original Issue Date: Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes   
1/16/2003

Maturity Date: 2/13/2004 CUSIP#: 073928YG2

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:  
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Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis:	Maximum Interest Rate: N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Effective Rate	Interest Reset Date(s): Daily
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Open Rate	Interest Reset Period: Daily
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate	Interest Payment Date(s): *
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters	
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate +	
<input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate	

Initial Interest Rate: 1.39% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): -2.86%

+ Prime Rate as reported on Telerate Page 5 under the heading "Bank Rates/Prime."

\* On the 13th of February, May, August, November and at Maturity.

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