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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
September 24, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 36  
DATED: September 23, 2002  
(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: \$25,000,000      Floating Rate Notes [x]      Book Entry Notes [x]

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

Maturity Date: 9/24/2003      CUSIP#: 073928XS7

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:  
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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

[ ] Commercial Paper Rate

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

[ ] Federal Funds Effective Rate

[ ] Federal Funds Open Rate

Interest Reset Date(s): Daily

[ ] Treasury Rate

Interest Reset Period: Daily

[ ] LIBOR Reuters

Interest Payment Date(s): \*

[ ] LIBOR Telerate

[x] Prime Rate +

[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.85%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): -2.90%

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

\* On the 24th of December, March, June and at Maturity.

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