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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
 Form 424B3
 October 22, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 42
 DATED: October 18, 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: \$15,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
 Original Issue Date: 10/25/2002 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
 Maturity Date: 10/25/2017 CUSIP#: 073928XY4
 Option to Extend Maturity: No
 Yes Final Maturity Date:
 Minimum Denominations: \$1,000, increased in multiples of \$1,000

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

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate: 6.20%

Interest Payment Date(s): **

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis:	Maximum Interest Rate:
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate:
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Effective Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Open Rate	Interest Reset Date(s):
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period:
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters	Interest Payment Date(s):
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate	

Initial Interest Rate: Interest Payment Period:

Index Maturity:

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Spread (plus or minus):

* Commencing October 25, 2005 and on the interest payment dates thereafter until Maturity, the Notes may be called in whole at par at the option of the Company on ten calendar days notice.

** Commencing November 25, 2002 and on the 25th of each month thereafter until Maturity or until the Notes are called.

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