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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC

CIK: **777001** | IRS No.: **133286161** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **0630**
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SIC: **6211** Security brokers, dealers & flotation companies

Business Address
245 PARK AVE
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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 6
DATED: September 10, 1999
(To Prospectus dated August 9, 1999
and Prospectus Supplement dated August 9, 1999)

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\$7,878,183,000
THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
\$30,000,000

Original Issue Date: Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
9/14/1999

Maturity Date: 9/14/2000 CUSIP#: 073928KW2

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:

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 Rate Interest Reset Date(s): Daily
 Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily
 LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): *

[] LIBOR Telerate

[] Prime Rate

[] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: **

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): +0.40%

* 12/14/99, 3/14/2000, 6/14/2000 and 9/14/2000

** Federal Funds Opening Rate on September 14, 1999 plus 40 basis points

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