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**BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC**

CIK: **777001** | IRS No.: **133286161** | State of Incorpor.: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **0630**  
Type: **424B3** | Act: **33** | File No.: **033-63561** | Film No.: **96513100**  
SIC: **6211** Security brokers, dealers & flotation companies

Business Address  
245 PARK AVE  
NEW YORK NY 10167  
2122722000

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 18  
 DATED: February 6, 1996  
 (To Prospectus dated December 18, 1995  
 and Prospectus Supplement dated December 18, 1995)

Rule 424(b)(3)  
 File No. 33-63561

\$3,650,742,350  
 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.  
 MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B  
 WITH MINIMUM MATURITY OF NINE MONTHS FROM DATE OF ISSUE

Principal Amount:	Floating Rate Notes	Book Entry Notes
\$75,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Original Issue Date:	Fixed Rate Notes	Certificated Notes
02/09/96	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Maturity Date: 02/10/97

Option to Extend Maturity: No   
 Yes  Final Maturity Date:

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

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate: 5.025%

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis:	Maximum Interest Rate:
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate:
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Rate	Interest Reset Date(s):
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period:
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR	Interest Payment Date(s):

[\_] Prime Rate

[\_] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Period:

Index Maturity:

Spread (plus or minus):

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The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in the applicable sections of Schedule E to the By-laws of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

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