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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Theilmann Michael T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

J C PENNEY CO INC [JCP]

(Month/Day/Year)

03/22/2009

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC., 6501 LEGACY DRIVE

(State)

below)

below)

EVP, Chief HR & Admin Officer

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

PLANO, TX 75024

(City)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial Ownership (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(D)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common

cents Par

Stock of 50 03/22/2009 F

Code V Amount

Price

60,363.4189 D

> By Trustee of

Value

Value

Common Stock of 50 cents Par

148.8364 (2)

401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	/Year)	Under	rlying	Security	Secui
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	Derivative				Securities		(Instr. 3 and 4)			Own	
	Security				Acquired						Follo
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					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable					
				Codo V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Theilmann Michael T C/O J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC. 6501 LEGACY DRIVE PLANO, TX 75024

EVP, Chief HR & Admin Officer

Signatures

***/s/ Salil R. Virkar, attorney in fact 03/24/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents shares used to satisfy tax withholding obligation upon vesting of restricted stock units granted under the Company's 2005 Equity Compensation Plan.
- Represents equivalent shares based on units of participation in the JCPenney stock fund allocated to Mr. Theilmann's account in the Company's 401(k) plan as of March 16, 2009. The shares of JCPenney common stock in the fund are held by the trustee of the 401(k) plan. Changes in the amount of securities beneficially owned reflect changes in the value of the fund, the number of units of participation in the fund held by all participants, and the number of units of participation held by Mr. Theilmann.

Remarks:

*** Under continuing POA as filed with the S.E.C.

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