

J C PENNEY CO INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â McFarland Joseph Michael (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC., Â 6501 LEGACY DRIVE (Street)  PLANO, Â TX Â 75024 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/20/2016	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol J C PENNEY CO INC [JCP]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) EVP, Stores	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock of 50 cents Par Value	99,283	D	Â

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Employee stock option/Right to Buy	Â (1)	01/20/2026	Common Stock 166,113 \$ 6.56	D Â
Employee stock option/Right to Buy	Â (2)	03/02/2026	Common Stock 50,000 \$ 10.84	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McFarland Joseph Michael C/O J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC. 6501 LEGACY DRIVE PLANO, TX 75024	Â	Â	Â EVP, Stores	Â

## Signatures

\*\*\* /s/ David A. Shipley, attorney  
in fact 05/26/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 grant of employee stock options under the Company's 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which vest on January 21, 2020..
- (2) Represents grant of employee stock options under the Company's 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which vest one-third on March 3, 2017, one-third on March 3, 2018 and one-third on March 3, 2019.

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### Remarks:

\*\*\*UnderÂ POAÂ asÂ filedÂ herewith.  
ExhibitÂ List:Â ExhibitÂ No.Â 24Â -Â PowerÂ ofÂ AttorneyÂ (POA)

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