J C PENNEY CO INC

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement J C PENNEY CO INC [JCP] **Â** Dhillon Janet (Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, (Check all applicable) INC., 6501 LEGACY DRIVE (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting EVP, General Counsel and Sec. Person PLANO, TXÂ 75024 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â 0 No securities are beneficially owned D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Date Exercisable and | 3. Title and Amount of | 4. | 5. | 6. Nature of Indirect |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|
| (Instr. 4) | Expiration Date | Securities Underlying | Conversion | Ownership | Beneficial Ownership |
| | (Month/Day/Year) | Derivative Security | or Exercise | Form of | (Instr. 5) |
| | | (Instr. 4) | Price of | Derivative | |
| | | Title | Derivative | Security: | |
| | | | Security | Direct (D) | |

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect Exercisable Date Number of (I) Shares (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dhillon Janet

C/O J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC. 6501 LEGACY DRIVE PLANO, TXÂ 75024

Â ÊVP, General Counsel and Sec.

Signatures

*** /s/ Salil R. Virkar, attorney in fact 02/27/2009

**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).

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Remarks:

***Under POA as filed herewith.

Exhibit List:

Exhibit No. 24 Power of Attorney (POA)

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