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(Print or Type R	esponses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> ALCORN WILLIAM J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol J C PENNEY CO INC [JCP]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (N	Aiddle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Check all applicable)				
(M			(Month/Da 05/20/20	ay/Year)			Director 10% Owner X Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) below) SVP, Controller / Chief Procurement Officer			
Filed				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 			
PLANO, TX	. 75024						Person		1 8	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecurities Ac	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	rity (Month/Day/Year) Execution r. 3) any		on Date, if	n Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect Beneficial	
Common Stock of 50 cent Par Value				Coue v	Amount	(D) Price	5,908	D		
Common Stock of 50 cent Par Value							10,171.732	I	By Trustee of 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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number orDerivative Securities Acquired or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	e (A) ed of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (I	D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Mirror Savings Plan	<u>(2)</u>						<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	290.861
Options/ Right to Buy/ Grant	\$ 16	05/20/2005		S	1,8	375	02/28/2002	02/27/2010	Common Stock	1,875
Options/ Right to Buy/ Grant	\$ 19.54	05/20/2005		S	14,0	000	02/24/2004	02/23/2013	Common Stock	14,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ALCORN WILLIAM J C/O J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC. 6501 LEGACY DRIVE PLANO, TX 75024			SVP, Controller	Chief Procurement Officer			
Signatures							

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Ralph H. Richardson*** 05/24/2005 Date **Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Equivalent shares based on units of JCPenney stock held by trustee of 401(k) plan, and assigned to my account, as of April 30, 2005, pursuant to plan. Differences in totals reported since last Form 4 or Form 5 represent units acquired by trustee since then in the ordinary course of plan's administration and reflects adjustments made to all equivalent shares in plan, divided among accounts of all participants in plan, all exempt under Rule 16b-3.

(2) Equivalent shares based on units credited under the Company's Mirror Savings Plan I, II, III.

Remarks:

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

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