J C PENNEY CO INC Form 8-K January 17, 2012

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 16, 2012

J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-15274 (Commission File No.) 26-0037077 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

6501 Legacy Drive Plano, Texas

75024-3698

(Zip code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 431-1000

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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; 5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) In connection with the elimination of the position of Group Executive Vice President, with responsibility for jcpenney stores, property management and supply chain, effective January 27, 2012, Michael T. Theilmann will cease to be an executive officer of J. C. Penney Company, Inc.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Janet Dhillon Janet Dhillon Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: January 17, 2012