

FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

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response... 0.5**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Murray Jerry J (Last) (First) (Middle) 6501 LEGACY DRIVE (Street) PLANO, TX 75024 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2018	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 (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Interim CFO	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	38,768	D	

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)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee stock option/Right to Buy	(1)	03/02/2026	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 10.84	D	
Employee stock option/Right to Buy	(2)	03/05/2027	Common Stock	21,331	\$ 5.96	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Murray Jerry J 6501 LEGACY DRIVE PLANO, TX 75024			Interim CFO	

Signatures

*** /s/ Salil R. Virkar, attorney in fact	10/10/2018
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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 vested one-third on each of March 3, 2017 and March 3, 2018 and will vest one-third on March 3, 2019.
- (2) Represents grant of employee stock options under the Company's 2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which vested one-third on March 6, 2018 and will vest one-third on March 6, 2019 and one-third on March 6, 2020.

Remarks:

***Under POA as filed herewith.

Exhibit List: Exhibit No. 24 - Power of Attorney (POA)

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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Power of Attorney

I, Jerry Murray, hereby appoint and authorize Brandy L. Treadway and Salil R. Virkar, together or individually to prepare, execute, and file (electronically or otherwise), specifically on my behalf as my attorney-in-fact, Forms 3, 4 and 5, Forms 144, and any amendments thereto and any forms required to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or similar provisions of securities laws and the rules thereunder (“Section 16 Forms”), with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other required public authority or stock exchange regarding my transactions in J. C. Penney Company, Inc. stock or securities. By signing below, I hereby adopt as my own signature any one or more of the signatures of the individuals set forth above which may appear on such Section 16 Forms filed on my behalf.

This power of attorney shall be in full force and effect on and from the date below written and shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Section 16 Forms with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in J. C. Penney Company, Inc. stock or securities or until specifically rescinded. By execution of this power of attorney I hereby authorize and grant the powers stated herein and revoke all powers previously granted with respect to the preparation, execution and filing of Section 16 Forms regarding my transactions in J. C. Penney Company, Inc. stock or securities.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2018.

/s/ Jerry Murray

Jerry Murray