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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BURNS M ANTHONY**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First)

J C PENNEY CO INC [JCP]

(Check all applicable)

C/O J. C. PENNEY COMPANY,

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

09/02/2008

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

INC., 6501 LEGACY DRIVE (Street)

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)) Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	09/02/2008		A		384.911		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	384.911	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BURNS M ANTHONY C/O J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC. 6501 LEGACY DRIVE PLANO, TX 75024	X						

Signatures

***/s/ Salil R. Virkar, attorney in fact

09/03/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Phantom stock units acquired in connection with deferral of cash received for services as a director into the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors. Conversion is one-for-one.
- (2) Under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors, the number of units acquired is based on the closing price of JCPenney common stock on the last trading day prior to the date of deferral.
- (3) Includes dividends, which accrue on a quarterly basis under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors, exempt under Rule 16a-11.

Remarks:

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

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