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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Person

Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. *See* Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Ellison Marvin R Issuer Symbol J C PENNEY CO INC [JCP] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title C/O J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, 03/19/2018 below) INC., 6501 LEGACY DRIVE Chairman and CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

PLANO, TX 75024

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative Se | ecuriti | es Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|---|---|---|---|----------------|-----------|--|---|---|---------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock of 50 cents Par Value | 03/19/2018 | | | 85,461 (1) | D | ¢ | 3,064,153 | D | |
| Common Stock of 50 cents Par Value | 03/19/2018 | | F | 218,666 (2) | D | \$ 3.09 | 2,845,487 | 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration Date | | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | 4, and 5) | | • | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ellison Marvin R C/O J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC. 6501 LEGACY DRIVE PLANO, TX 75024

X

Chairman and CEO

Signatures

*** /s/ David A. Shipley, attorney in fact

03/21/2018

**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).
- Represents shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligation upon vesting of time-based restricted stock units granted under the Company's 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan as required by the Issuer. These shares were not sold by the reporting person in the open market
- Represents shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligation upon vesting of performance-based restricted stock units granted under (2) the Company's 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan as required by the Issuer. These shares were not sold by the reporting person in the open market.

Remarks:

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

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