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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement J C PENNEY CO INC [JCP] A Murray Jerry J (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2018 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 6501 LEGACY DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person PLANO, TXÂ 75024 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Interim CFO Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock of 50 cents Par Value D Â 38,768 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee stock option/Right to Buy	(1)	03/02/2026	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 10.84	D	Â
Employee stock option/Right to Buy	(2)	03/05/2027	Common Stock	21,331	\$ 5.96	D	Â

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

*** /s/ Salil R. Virkar, attorney in fact 10/10/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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.

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Remarks:

***Under POA as filed herewith.

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

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