

J C PENNEY CO INC

Form 4

March 24, 2006

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HICKS KEN C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O J. C. PENNEY COMPANY,
INC., 6501 LEGACY DRIVE**

(Street)

PLANO, TX 75024

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
J C PENNEY CO INC [JCP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/22/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____X____ Other (specify
below) below)
President / Chief Merchandising Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock of 50 cent Par Value				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock of 50 cent Par Value					15,000	D	
Common Stock of 50 cent Par Value					912.6949	I	By Trustee of 401(k) (1)
Common Stock of 50 cent Par Value					13,813 (2)	D	

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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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Mirror Savings Plan	(3)							(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,772.
Options / Right to Buy / Grant	\$ 60.5	03/22/2006		A		43,805 (4)		03/22/2007(5)	03/21/2016	Common Stock	43,80.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HICKS KEN C C/O J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC. 6501 LEGACY DRIVE PLANO, TX 75024	President Chief Merchandising Officer

Signatures

Ralph H.
Richardson*** 03/24/2006

**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) Equivalent shares based on units of JCPenney stock held by trustee of 401(k) plan, and assigned to my account, as of March 20, 2006, pursuant to plan. Differences in totals reported since last Form 4 or Form 5 represent units acquired by trustee since then in the ordinary course of plan's administration and reflects adjustments made to all equivalent shares in plan, divided among accounts of all participants

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in plan, all exempt under Rule 16b-3.

- (2) On January 3, 2005, Mr. Hicks was granted 13,813 shares of restricted stock which vest on January 3, 2008.
- (3) Equivalent shares based on units credited under the Company's Mirror Savings Plan I, II, III.
- (4) Employee Stock Option, granted under Rule 16b-3 employee stock option plan.
- (5) One-third of the options can be exercised on 3/22/2007, one-third on 3/22/2008 and one-third on 3/22/2009.

Remarks:

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

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