J C PENNEY CO INC Form 8-K March 14, 2011

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 10, 2011

J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-15274 26-0037077
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

6501 Legacy Drive

Plano, Texas 75024-3698 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 431-1000

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- Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;
- 5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.
- (b) On March 10, 2011, M. Anthony Burns notified the Board of Directors of J. C. Penney Company, Inc. ("Company") of his decision to retire from the Board, effective May 20, 2011, to pursue philanthropic and other personal interests. Accordingly, Mr. Burns will not stand for re-election at the Company's 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Mr. Burns' decision was not the result of any disagreement with the Company or the Board of Directors.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Janet Dhillon
Janet Dhillon

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: March 14, 2011