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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**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): July 21, 2006

**J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation )

1-15274  
(Commission File No.)

26-0037077  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

6501 Legacy Drive  
Plano, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

75024-3698

(Zip code)

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

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13d-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## **Item 1.01      Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On July 21, 2006, the Board of Directors of J. C. Penney Company, Inc. (the “Company”), after considering the recommendations of its Corporate Governance Committee, approved the following compensation for non-employee directors covering the period from September 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007:

- Cash retainer of \$65,000, payable quarterly, for each non-employee director, representing an annual retainer of \$80,000 less amounts previously paid for the period from June 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006.
- Cash retainer of \$12,500, payable quarterly, for the Chair of the Audit Committee, representing an annual retainer of \$15,000 less amounts previously paid for the period from June 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006.
- Cash retainer of \$8,125, payable quarterly, for the Chair of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee, representing an annual retainer of \$10,000 less amounts previously paid for the period from June 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006.
- Cash retainer of \$5,625, payable quarterly, for the respective Chairs of the Corporate Governance and Finance Committees, representing an annual retainer of \$7,500 less amounts previously paid for the period from June 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006.

In addition, the Board approved the payment of an annual retainer of \$5,000, payable quarterly, for the newly-created position of Presiding Director (currently Director Clark), which covers the period from June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007.

Directors are not paid a fee for meeting attendance, but are reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with any meeting which they attend in their official capacities as directors.

Effective July 21, 2006, non-employee directors will no longer receive a per diem fee of \$1,000 for each full day of service to the Company in addition to those services which they perform in connection with Board and committee responsibilities. Further, the Board is eliminating the term life insurance benefit for non-employee directors and the Merchandise Discount Program for non-employee directors, effective October 1, 2006.

Directors may elect to receive all or a portion of their cash retainers in Company Common Stock. A director may also elect to defer payment of all or part of any of their cash retainers under the terms of the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors.

A summary of non-employee director compensation for 2006-2007 is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1.

**Item 5.03      Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year**

On July 21, 2006, the Board amended Article III, Section 2 of the Company's Bylaws to increase the mandatory retirement age for directors of the Company from 70 to 72. A copy of the amendment to Article III, Section 2 of the Company's Bylaws is filed herewith as Exhibit 3.1.

**Item 9.01(d) Exhibits.**

Exhibit 3.1      Amendment to Article III, Section 2 of the J. C. Penney Company, Inc. Bylaws

Exhibit 10.1      Summary of Non-Employee Director Compensation for 2006-2007

## SIGNATURES

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/ Joanne L. Bober  
Joanne L. Bober  
Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary

Date: July 25, 2006

## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
3.1	Amendment to Article III, Section 2 of the J. C. Penney Company, Inc. Bylaws
10.1	Summary of Non-Employee Director Compensation for 2006-2007

RESOLVED that the last sentence of Article III, Section 2 of the Company's Bylaws be, and it hereby is, deleted in its entirety, and the following substituted therefore:

"Notwithstanding the expiration of a director's term as set forth in Section 3 of this Article III, no person shall be qualified or may continue to serve as a director after attaining age 72."

**J. C. Penney Company, Inc.**  
**Non-Employee Director Compensation**  
**June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007**

Annual Cash Retainer <sup>*</sup>	\$ 80,000
Annual Restricted Stock Unit Award	\$100,000 <sup>**</sup>
Annual Cash Retainer – Audit Committee Chair <sup>*</sup>	\$ 15,000
Annual Cash Retainer – Human Resources and Compensation Committee Chair <sup>*</sup>	\$ 10,000
Annual Cash Retainer – Corporate Governance / Finance Committee Chairs <sup>*</sup>	\$ 7,500
Annual Cash Retainer – Presiding Director <sup>*</sup>	\$ 5,000
Annual Cash Retainer – Representatives under Indemnification Trust Agreement <sup>*,***</sup>	\$ 5,000

\* Retainers are payable quarterly and can be deferred at the director's election, or paid in shares of Company Common Stock, also at the director's election.

\*\* Each non-employee director receives a number of restricted stock units equal to \$100,000 divided by the opening price of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant (rounded up to the nearest whole unit).

\*\*\* Directors who serve as Representatives under an Indemnification Trust Agreement among the Company, its wholly owned subsidiary J. C. Penney Corporation, Inc. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as trustee (currently Directors Engibous, Jordan, Osborne, and Turner) each receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$5,000.