J C PENNEY CO INC Form 8-K June 18, 2012

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): June 16, 2012

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

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

26-0037077 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

6501 Legacy Drive Plano, Texas

75024-3698

(Zip code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

1-15274

(Commission File No.)

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

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) J. C. Penney Company, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release today announcing that Michael R. Francis, President, will be leaving the Company, effective June 18, 2012.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibit 99.1 J. C. Penney Company, Inc. News Release issued June 18, 2012

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/ Janet Dhillon Janet DhillonExecutive Vice President,General Counsel and Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	J. C. Penney Company, Inc. News Release issued June 18, 2012