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

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CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 11, 2003

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

1-15274 26-0037077 Delaware (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File No.) (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) 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

- Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.
 - J. C. Penney Company, Inc. issued a news release on November 11, 2003, announcing its 2003 third quarter consolidated earnings. This information is attached as exhibit 99.1.

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/ Robert B. Cavanaugh

Robert B. Cavanaugh Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

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Date: November 12, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

99.2 J. C. Penney Company, Inc. News Release

issued November 12, 2003