

MCCANLESS ROSS W
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MCCANLESS ROSS W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/23/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP General Counsel & Secretary

MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	08/23/2005		M		35,746 A \$ 47	35,746	D
Common Stock	08/23/2005		S		35,746 D \$ 63.8	0	D
Common Stock	08/23/2005		M		3,525 A \$ 56.75	3,525	D
Common Stock	08/23/2005		S		3,525 D \$ 63.8	0	D
Common Stock	08/23/2005		M		4,254 A \$ 47	4,254	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Num of S
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47	08/23/2005		M	4,254	08/01/2004	08/01/2010	Common Stock	4,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47	08/23/2005		M	35,746	08/01/2004	08/01/2010	Common Stock	35
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 56.75	08/23/2005		M	3,525	03/01/2005	03/01/2011	Common Stock	3,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCCANLESS ROSS W 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117			SVP General Counsel & Secretary	

Signatures

By: Ben Adams For: Ross W. McCanless
08/23/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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