

LOWES COMPANIES INC  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BLACK KENNETH W JR**

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)  
**11/18/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior Vice President**

**MOORESVILLE, NC 28117**

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

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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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/18/2005		M		18,392	A	\$ 23.5625
Common Stock	11/18/2005		S		18,392	D	\$ 65.4
Common Stock	11/18/2005		M		500	A	\$ 23.5625
Common Stock	11/18/2005		S		500	D	\$ 65.42
Common Stock	11/18/2005		M		200	A	\$ 23.5625
							37,130
							37,630
							37,130
							37,330

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Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	200	D	\$ 65.48	37,130	D
Common Stock	11/18/2005	M	100	A	\$ 23.5625	37,230	D
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	100	D	\$ 65.5	37,130	D

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 Nur of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.5625	11/18/2005		M	18,392	02/02/2001 02/02/2007	Common Stock	18	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.5625	11/18/2005		M	500	02/02/2001 02/02/2007	Common Stock	5	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.5625	11/18/2005		M	200	02/02/2001 02/02/2007	Common Stock	2	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.5625	11/18/2005		M	100	02/02/2001 02/02/2007	Common Stock	1	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLACK KENNETH W JR 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD			Senior Vice President	

MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

## Signatures

By: Sandra Felton For: Kenneth W.  
Black, Jr.

11/21/2005

\_\_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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