

LOWES COMPANIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
STONE STEVEN M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD

(Street)

MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]

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

03/06/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

SVP Chief Information Officer

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

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**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	03/06/2006		M		244 A \$ 23.5625	40,706	D
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S		244 D \$ 67.05	40,462	D
Common Stock	03/06/2006		M		7,126 A \$ 27.505	47,588	D
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S		7,126 D \$ 67.05	40,462	D
Common Stock	03/06/2006		M		1,480 A \$ 27.505	41,942	D

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Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	1,480	D	\$ 67.04	40,462	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	M	320	A	\$ 43.99	40,782	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	320	D	\$ 67.04	40,462	D	
Common Stock						9,239.3744	I	By 401k Plan

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.5625	03/06/2006		M	244	02/02/2001 02/02/2007	Common Stock	24
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.505	03/06/2006		M	7,126	03/01/2002 03/02/2008	Common Stock	7,1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.505	03/06/2006		M	1,480	03/01/2002 03/02/2008	Common Stock	1,4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 43.99	03/06/2006		M	320	03/01/2003 03/01/2009	Common Stock	32

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

STONE STEVEN M  
1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD  
MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

SVP Chief Information Officer

## Signatures

By: Sandra Felton For: Steven M.  
Stone

03/08/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

### Remarks:

The information provided for the shares held by the 401k Plan in this report are based on a plan statement dated as of February

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