

LOWES COMPANIES INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**MENSER MICHAEL K**

(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)

05/18/2005

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/General Merchandise Manage

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/19/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 11,166 A \$ 27.505  | 19,654   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/19/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 11,166 D \$ 57.51   | 8,488  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/19/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 5,080 A \$ 27.505   | 13,568   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/19/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 5,080 D \$ 57.61  | 8,488  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/19/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 10,900 A \$ 27.505  | 19,388   | D                                 |

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|                     |            |   |        |   |           |        |   |
|---------------------|------------|---|--------|---|-----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock        | 05/19/2005 | S | 10,900 | D | \$ 57.52  | 8,488  | D |
| Common Stock        | 05/19/2005 | M | 4,900  | A | \$ 27.505 | 13,388 | D |
| Common Stock        | 05/19/2005 | S | 4,900  | D | \$ 57.53  | 8,488  | D |
| Common Stock        | 05/19/2005 | M | 300    | A | \$ 27.505 | 8,788  | D |
| Common Stock        | 05/19/2005 | S | 300    | D | \$ 57.54  | 8,488  | D |
| Common Stock        | 05/19/2005 | M | 1,600  | A | \$ 27.505 | 10,088 | D |
| Common Stock        | 05/19/2005 | S | 1,600  | D | \$ 57.55  | 8,488  | D |
| Common Stock        | 05/19/2005 | M | 200    | A | \$ 27.505 | 8,688  | D |
| Common Stock        | 05/19/2005 | S | 200    | D | \$ 57.56  | 8,488  | D |
| Common Stock        | 05/19/2005 | M | 2,000  | A | \$ 27.505 | 10,488 | D |
| Common Stock        | 05/19/2005 | S | 2,000  | D | \$ 57.59  | 8,488  | D |
| Common Stock        | 05/19/2005 | M | 3,634  | A | \$ 27.505 | 12,122 | D |
| Common Stock (SOFE) | 05/18/2005 | S | 2,605  | D | \$ 56.9   | 444    | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
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|   |           |            |      |       | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title      | Am or Num of S |    |
|---|-----------|------------|------|-------|------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|----|
|   |           |            | Code | V (A) | (D)              |                 |            |                |    |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)     | \$ 27.505 | 05/19/2005 | M    |       | 3,634            | 03/01/2004      | 03/02/2008 | Common Stock   | 3, |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27.505 | 05/19/2005 | M    |       | 11,166           | <u>(1)</u>      | 03/02/2008 | Common Stock   | 11 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27.505 | 05/19/2005 | M    |       | 5,080            | <u>(2)</u>      | 03/02/2008 | Common Stock   | 5, |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27.505 | 05/19/2005 | M    |       | 10,900           | 03/01/2003      | 03/02/2008 | Common Stock   | 10 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27.505 | 05/19/2005 | M    |       | 4,900            | 03/01/2002      | 03/02/2008 | Common Stock   | 4, |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27.505 | 05/19/2005 | M    |       | 300              | 03/01/2002      | 03/02/2008 | Common Stock   | 3  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27.505 | 05/19/2005 | M    |       | 1,600            | 03/01/2002      | 03/02/2008 | Common Stock   | 1, |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27.505 | 05/19/2005 | M    |       | 200              | 03/01/2002      | 03/02/2008 | Common Stock   | 2  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27.505 | 05/19/2005 | M    |       | 2,000            | 03/01/2002      | 03/02/2008 | Common Stock   | 2, |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| MENSER MICHAEL K<br>1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD<br>MOORESVILLE, NC 28117 |               |           | SVP/General Merchandise Manage |       |

## Signatures

By: Janet Bernard For: Michael K. Menser

05/20/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) 1,540 of the 11,166 non-qualified stock options became exercisable on 3/1/03, and 9,626 became exercisable on 3/1/04.

(2) 4,260 of the 5,080 non-qualified stock options became exercisable on 3/1/02, and 820 became exercisable on 3/1/03.

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