

MCCANLESS ROSS W
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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

(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)

08/23/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

SVP General Counsel & Secretary

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

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

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).

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

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