#### LOWES COMPANIES INC

Form 4 March 03, 2006

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NIBLOCK ROBERT A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD		ARD	(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2006	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman/President and CEO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
MOORESVIL	LE, NC 281	17	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	<b>Derivative</b>	Secui	rities A	cquired, Dispose	d of, or Benefi	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			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 (1)	03/01/2006		A	62,000	A	\$0	180,030.8	D	
Common Stock							10,533.0088	I	By 401k Plan
Common Stock							400.286	I	by IRA-Spouse
Common Stock							400.286	I	by Managed IRA Acct.
Common Stock							650	I	by Son-1

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Common Stock	650	I	by Son-2
Common Stock	23,465.399	I	by Spouse

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transactio	5. Number of orDerivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit	
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 68.32	03/01/2006		A	18,000	(2)	03/01/2013	Common Stock	18,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 68.32	03/01/2006		A	87,000	(2)	03/01/2013	Common Stock	87,0

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting of the remove remove and the	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NIBLOCK ROBERT A 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117	X		Chairman/President and CEO				

## **Signatures**

By: Sandra Felton For: Robert A.
Niblock
03/03/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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# **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) These restricted shares of common stock will vest on the earlier to occur of March 1, 2011 or at the end of the third or fourth fiscal years after the date of grant, if certain performance criteria are met on either of those dates.
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2007.

#### **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 Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.