

LOWES COMPANIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HULL ROBERT F JR**

(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)

12/11/2009

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)  
EVP-Chief Financial 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 |   | 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) |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/11/2009                           |  | S                   |   | 30  | D          | \$ 267,787.1946<br>23.53 (1)  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/11/2009                           |  | S                   |   | 0.1946  | D          | \$ 23.5 267,787   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/14/2009                           |  | M                   |   | 29,606  | A          | \$ 19.65 297,393  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/14/2009                           |  | F                   |   | 24,361  | D          | \$ 23.88 273,032  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/14/2009                           |  | D                   |   | 5,245<br>(2)  | D          | \$ 0 267,787  | D  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                     |   |   |            | 8,314.3785  | I  |                                   |

|              |             |   |  |              |
|--------------|-------------|---|--|--------------|
| Common Stock |             |   |  | By 401k Plan |
| Common Stock | 2,718.7332  | I |  | by IRA       |
| Common Stock | 15,839.0652 | I |  | by Trust     |

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code V (A) (D)                 |   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 19.65   | 12/14/2009                           |  | M                              | 29,606  | 03/01/2004 03/01/2010                                    | Common Stock                                      |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$ 0   | 12/14/2009                           |  | A                              | 5,245<br><u>(2)</u>   | <u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>                                    | Common Stock                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships                    |
|--|----------------------------------|
|  | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| HULL ROBERT F JR<br>1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD<br>MOORESVILLE, NC 28117 | EVP-Chief Financial Officer      |

## Signatures

By: Sandra Felton For: Robert F. Hull, Jr. 12/15/2009

\_\_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) Direct Holdings include 573 shares acquired under the Lowe's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Rule 16b-3 exempt transaction involving issuance of phantom shares in lieu of common stock pursuant to Deferred Compensation Program.
- (3) Reporting person receives an equivalent number of shares of common stock in one installment on the March 15th following termination.

### Remarks:

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

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