LOWES COMPANIES INC

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GFELLER ROBERT J JR | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|---|---------|----------|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | |
| 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD | | | 03/01/2011 | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | |
| | | | | EVP Merchandising | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) | | |
| MOORESVILLE, NC 28117 | | | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly 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 tion(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 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 | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2011 | | D | 2,915 (1) | D | \$ 0 | 56,085 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2011 | | A | 21,000 (2) | A | \$0 | 77,085 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2011 | | F | 3,894 (3) | D | \$ 25.5 | 73,191 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2011 | | F | 2,679 (4) | D | \$ 25.5 | 70,512 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 2,428.271 | I | By 401k Plan |

Common Stock

28,613

Ι

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 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Sh |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 25.5 | 03/01/2011 | | A | 70,000 | <u>(5)</u> | 03/01/2018 | Common Stock | 70,0 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner C

Officer

Other

GFELLER ROBERT J JR 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

EVP Merchandising

Signatures

By: Sandra Felton For: Robert J. Gfeller, Jr.

03/03/2011

**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) Represents the forfeiture of restricted stock pursuant to 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan due to the Company not achieving the established performance targets.
- (2) Restricted stock granted pursuant to 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The shares will fully vest on March 1, 2014.
- (3) Reflects shares delivered by reporting person to satisfy withholding taxes due upon vesting of restricted shares granted on March 1, 2006.

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- (4) Reflects shares delivered by reporting person to satisfy withholding taxes due upon vesting of restricted shares granted on March 1, 2008.
- (5) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on March 1, 2012.

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.