#### LOWES COMPANIES INC

Form 4 March 05, 2012

## 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 <b>and</b> 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 an applicable)		
1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD		ARD	(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2012	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President & CEO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec		
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) 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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/01/2012		F	100,323 (1)	D	\$ 28.38	729,553.6	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2012		A	97,000 (2)	A	\$ 0	826,553.6	D	
Common Stock							22,991.786	I	By 401k Plan
Common Stock							800	I	Managed IRA-Spouse
Common Stock							800	I	by Managed IRA Acct.

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Common Stock	10,659	I	by Son-1
Common Stock	10,659	I	by Son-2
Common Stock	93,882.798	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 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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Secur
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nui Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.38	03/01/2012		A	447,000	(3)	03/01/2019	Common Stock	44

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<b>F</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NIBLOCK ROBERT A 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117	X		Chairman, President & CEO				

### **Signatures**

By: /s/ Sandra Felton by power of attorney For: Robert A.
Niblock
03/05/2012

\*\*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) Reflects shares delivered by reporting person to satisfy withholding taxes due upon vesting of restricted shares granted on March 1, 2009.

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- (2) Restricted stock granted pursuant to 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The shares will fully vest on March 1, 2015.
- (3) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on March 1, 2013.

#### **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.