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# FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Alvarez Ralph

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2012

X\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner \_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify

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below)

(Street)

1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

(City) (State) (Zip)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect
Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial
Owned (I) Ownership
Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Following
Reported
Transaction(s)
or
(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or

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	Derivative Security			Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock (1)	<u>(2)</u>	03/31/2012	A		637.349		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	637.349

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Alvarez Ralph 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117	X						

## **Signatures**

By: /s/ Ben Adams by power of attorney For: Raul (Ralph)
Alvarez
04/03/2012

\*\*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) Represents the credit of deferred compensation to the Reporting Person's deferred stock account under the Issuer's Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock. The Reporting Person becomes entitled to the cash value of the phantom stock upon ceasing to be a director of the Issuer.
- (3) Includes the credit of dividends to the Reporting Person's deferred stock account under the Issuer's Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan.

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