LOWES COMPANIES INC

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading NIBLOCK ROBERT A Issuer Symbol LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD 03/01/2005 below) below) President (Street) 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 MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

,				Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zi _l	Table I	- Non-De	rivative Securities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned		
1.Title of	2. Transactio	n Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature o		
Security	(Month/Day/	(Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	or(A) or Disposed of	Securities	Ownership	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)			any	Code	(D)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial		

any Code (D) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Reported (Instr. 4)

Transcriptor(s)

(A) Transaction(s)
or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common

03/01/2005

A 36,000 A \$0 61,500 D

(Restricted)

Stock

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)

of

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (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)	\$ 58.35	03/01/2005		A	72,000	<u>(1)</u>	03/01/2012	Common Stock	72,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
NIBLOCK ROBERT A 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117	X		President			

Signatures

By: Janet Bernard For: Robert A.
Niblock
03/03/2005

**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) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2006.

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