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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

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)

1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD

(First)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2013

Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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Person

MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) 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>	03/31/2013	A		527.426		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	527.426

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

By: /s/ Sandra Felton by power of attorney For: Raul (Ralph)
Alvarez

04/02/2013

**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

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