

LOWES COMPANIES INC

Form 4

May 27, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GFELLER ROBERT J JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD

(Street)

MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

05/26/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Senior VP Marketing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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
Common Stock	05/26/2005		M		17,778	A	\$ 27.505 32,970
Common Stock	05/26/2005		S		17,778	D	\$ 57.8944 15,192

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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.505	05/26/2005		M		17,778		<u>(1)</u>	03/02/2008	Common Stock	17,778

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
GFELLER ROBERT J JR 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117	Senior VP Marketing

Signatures

By: Janet Bernard For: Robert J.
Gfeller Jr. 05/27/2005

__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) 10,706 of the 17,778 non-qualified stock options became exercisable on 3/1/03, and 7,072 became exercisable on 3/1/04.

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