LOWES COMPANIES INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STONE STEVEN M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/06/2006

_X__ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

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SVP Chief Information Officer

(Check all applicable)

1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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. Securi or Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of	` '	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/06/2006		M	244	A	\$ 23.5625	40,706	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S	244	D	\$ 67.05	40,462	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		M	7,126	A	\$ 27.505	47,588	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S	7,126	D	\$ 67.05	40,462	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		M	1,480	A	\$ 27.505	41,942	D	

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Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	1,480	D	\$ 67.04	40,462	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	M	320	A	\$ 43.99	40,782	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	320	D	\$ 67.04	40,462	D	
Common Stock						9,239.3744	I	By 401k Plan

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.5625	03/06/2006		M	244	02/02/2001	02/02/2007	Common Stock	24
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.505	03/06/2006		M	7,126	03/01/2002	03/02/2008	Common Stock	7,1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.505	03/06/2006		M	1,480	03/01/2002	03/02/2008	Common Stock	1,4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 43.99	03/06/2006		M	320	03/01/2003	03/01/2009	Common Stock	32

Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STONE STEVEN M 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

SVP Chief Information Officer

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By: Sandra Felton For: Steven M. Stone 03/08/2006

**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).

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

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