

LOWES COMPANIES INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BROWN MICHAEL K**

(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)  
**08/22/2008**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP - Store Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 or Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/22/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 120,000 A \$ 22.85  | 265,721 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/22/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 13,512 A \$ 21.995  | 279,233  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/22/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 4,546 A \$ 21.995   | 283,779  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/22/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 95,657 D \$ 24.76   | 188,122  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/22/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 1,000 D \$ 24.765   | 187,122  | D   |

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|              |            |   |        |   |            |           |   |              |
|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|------------|-----------|---|--------------|
| Common Stock | 08/22/2008 | S | 18,400 | D | \$ 24.77   | 168,722   | D |              |
| Common Stock | 08/22/2008 | S | 19,077 | D | \$ 24.78   | 149,645   | D |              |
| Common Stock | 08/22/2008 | S | 3,824  | D | \$ 24.79   | 145,821   | D |              |
| Common Stock | 08/22/2008 | S | 100    | D | \$ 24.7925 | 145,721   | D |              |
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   |            | 78,660.62 | I | By 401k Plan |
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   |            | 640       | I | by Daughter  |
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   |            | 640       | I | by Son       |

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                   |         | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---------|--|-----------------|---|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |         | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 21.995  | 08/22/2008                           |  | M                              |  | 4,546   | 03/01/2004   | 03/01/2009      | Common Stock  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 21.995  | 08/22/2008                           |  | M                              |  | 13,512  | 03/01/2003   | 03/01/2009      | Common Stock  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 22.85   | 08/22/2008                           |  | M                              |  | 120,000 | 02/01/2005   | 02/01/2009      | Common Stock  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| BROWN MICHAEL K<br>1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD<br>MOORESVILLE, NC 28117 |               |           | EVP - Store Operations |       |

## Signatures

By: Sandra Felton For: Michael K.  
Brown 08/26/2008

\_\_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) Direct Holdings include 396 shares acquired under the Lowe's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

### Remarks:

The information provided for the shares held by the 401k Plan in this report are based on a plan statement dated as of August 1

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