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(Print or Type Res	sponses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> NIBLOCK ROBERT A			Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
			LOWES C	LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]					all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD			(Month/Day	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2005				_X_ Director _X_ Officer (give below)	10%	Owner r (specify		
	(Street)		4. If Amendu	4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
MOORESVILLE, NC 28117			Filed(Month/	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I	- Non-Der	ivative Sec	curities	s Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/	Year) E: ar	xecution Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed 4 and 5 (A) or	of	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)		
Common				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price					
Stock (Restricted)	03/01/2005	5		А	36,000	А	\$0	61,500	D			

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 2. 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amour 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative Expiration Date Underlying Securit (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Amo Date Expiration or Title Exercisable Date Num of Sh Code V (A) (D) Non-Qualified Common (1) 03/01/2012 72,0 Stock Option \$ 58.35 03/01/2005 Α 72,000 Stock (right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	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	Α.	03/03/2005					

<u>**</u>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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