

Hollifield Matthew V  
 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 \*  
 Hollifield Matthew V

(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)

09/19/2012

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)

SVP Chief Accounting Officer

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 09/19/2012                           |  | M                              | 16,667 A  | \$ 23.98 56,747 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/19/2012                           |  | S                              | 16,667 D  | \$ 29.5148 40,080 <sub>(2)</sub>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/19/2012                           |  | M                              | 6,667 A   | \$ 25.5 46,747  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/19/2012                           |  | S                              | 6,667 D   | \$ 29.5148 40,080 <sub>(2)</sub>  | D  |   |

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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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 23.98   | 09/19/2012                           |  | M                              | 16,667  | <u>(3)</u> 03/01/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 16,667                     |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 25.5  | 09/19/2012                           |  | M                              | 6,667   | <u>(4)</u> 03/01/2018                                    | Common Stock  | 6,667                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| Hollifield Matthew V<br>1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD<br>MOORESVILLE, NC 28117 |               |           | SVP Chief Accounting Officer |       |

## Signatures

By: Sandra Felton by power of attorney For: Matthew V. Hollifield 09/21/2012

\_\_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 467 shares acquired under the Lowe's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$29.50 to \$29.53. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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- (3) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on March 1, 2011.
- (4) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on March 1, 2012.

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