

Hollifield Matthew V  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

|                                           |         |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                      |
| Â Hollifield Matthew V                    |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                      |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                                                                                                                                                                            | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
|                                           |         |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                      |
| 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD                     |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                      |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below)<br>SVP Chief Accounting Officer |                                                      |
| MOORESVILLE,Â NCÂ 28117                   |         |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                      |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                                                                             |                                                      |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock (Restricted)       | 6,826                                                 | D                                                        | Â                                                     |
| Common Stock (SOFE)             | 1,258 <sup>(1)</sup>                                  | D                                                        | Â                                                     |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
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|                                           | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)     | 08/01/2003       | 08/01/2009      | Common Stock | 4,000                      | \$ 35.43 | D                                     | Â |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)     | 03/01/2004       | 03/01/2010      | Common Stock | 5,228                      | \$ 39.3  | D                                     | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 03/01/2004       | 03/01/2010      | Common Stock | 2,622                      | \$ 39.3  | D                                     | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 02/01/2005       | 02/01/2010      | Common Stock | 23,333                     | \$ 45.7  | D                                     | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/01/2011      | Common Stock | 2,865                      | \$ 56.75 | D                                     | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <sup>(3)</sup> | 03/01/2012      | Common Stock | 2,785                      | \$ 58.35 | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

By: Sandra Felton For: Matthew V.  
Hollifield 11/22/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Shares acquired under the Lowe's Companies Employee Stock Purchase Plan-Stock Options for Everyone (SOFE).

(2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2005

(3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2006.

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