

AUSURA MAUREEN K  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
AUSURA MAUREEN K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/01/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP Human Resources

MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

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

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

**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 (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2010                           |  | D                              | 10,500 (1) D \$ 0   | 110,873.6634 (2)  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2010                           |  | A                              | 24,000 (3) A \$ 0   | 134,873.6634  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2010                           |  | F                              | 1,136 (4) D \$ 23.98  | 133,737.6634  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2010                           |  | F                              | 1,709 (5) D \$ 23.98  | 132,028.6634  | 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 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   | 03/01/2010                           |  | A                              | 70,000  | (6) 03/01/2017   | Common Stock  | 70,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| AUSURA MAUREEN K<br>1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD<br>MOORESVILLE, NC 28117 |               |           | SVP Human Resources |       |

## Signatures

By: Sandra Felton For: Maureen K. Ausura  
Date: 03/03/2010

\*\*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) Represents the forfeiture of restricted stock pursuant to 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan due to the Company not achieving the established performance targets.
- (2) Direct holdings include 573 shares acquired under the Lowe's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Restricted stock granted pursuant to 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The shares will fully vest on March 1, 2013.
- (4) Reflects shares delivered by reporting person to satisfy withholding taxes due upon vesting of restricted shares granted on March 1, 2007.
- (5) Reflects shares delivered by reporting person to satisfy withholding taxes due upon vesting of restricted shares granted on March 1, 2005.
- (6) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on March 1, 2011.

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