

LOWES COMPANIES INC
Form 3
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â BROWN MICHAEL K</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>MOORESVILLE,Â NCÂ 28117</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>12/15/2006</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>EVP - Store Operations</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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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 | 53,408 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 79,213.0994 | I | By 401k Plan |
| Common Stock | 340 | I | By Daughter |
| Common Stock | 340 | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
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| | (Month/Day/Year) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| Benefit Restoration Plan Stock Units | Â (1) | Â (1) | Common Stock | 1,909.5737 | \$ 0 | D | Â |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | 03/01/2006 | 03/01/2010 | Common Stock | 5,088 | \$ 19.65 | D | Â |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | 03/01/2004 | 03/01/2009 | Common Stock | 4,546 | \$ 21.995 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 03/01/2003 | 03/01/2009 | Common Stock | 13,512 | \$ 21.995 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 02/01/2005 | 02/01/2009 | Common Stock | 120,000 | \$ 22.85 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 03/01/2005 | 03/01/2011 | Common Stock | 21,150 | \$ 28.375 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (2) | 03/01/2012 | Common Stock | 20,290 | \$ 29.175 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (3) | 03/01/2013 | Common Stock | 22,000 | \$ 34.16 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

By: Sandra Felton For: Michael K. Brown 12/21/2006

__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) Each unit is the equivalent of one share of common stock. In accordance with the terms of the Benefit Restoration Plan, the value of the units becomes payable in cash following the reporting person's termination.
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2006.
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2007.

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