

Frasso James M  
Form 4  
March 31, 2005

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Frasso James M

(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)

03/30/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

SVP Store Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/30/2005		M	2,225 A	\$ 43.99 4,625	D	
Common Stock	03/30/2005		S	2,225 D	\$ 57.16 2,400	D	
Common Stock	03/30/2005		M	3,945 A	\$ 43.99 6,345	D	
Common Stock	03/30/2005		S	3,945 D	\$ 57.16 2,400	D	
Common Stock	03/30/2005		M	4,991 A	\$ 39.3 7,391	D	

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Common Stock	03/30/2005	S	4,991	D	\$ 57.16	2,400	D
Common Stock	03/30/2005	S	2,400	D	\$ 57.16	0	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 43.99	03/30/2005		M		2,225		<u>(1)</u>	03/01/2009	Common Stock	2,225
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.3	03/30/2005		M		4,991		<u>(2)</u>	03/01/2010	Common Stock	4,991
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 43.99	03/30/2005		M		3,945		<u>(3)</u>	03/01/2009	Common Stock	3,945

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Frasso James M 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117	SVP Store Operations

## Signatures

By: Janet Bernard For: James M.  
Frasso

03/31/2005

\_\_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) One of the 2,225 incentive stock options became exercisable on 3/1/03. 168 became exercisable on 3/1/04, and 2,056 became exercisable on 3/1/05.
- (2) 2,617 of the 4,991 non-qualified stock options became exercisable on 3/1/04, and 2,374 became exercisable on 3/1/05.
- (3) 2,056 of the 3,945 non-qualified stock options became exercisable on 3/1/03, and 1,889 became exercisable on 3/1/04.

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