

KEENER GAITHER M JR  
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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 \*  
**KEENER GAITHER M JR**

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)  
**03/01/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**SVP, Genl Counsel, Secty, CCO**

**MOORESVILLE, NC 28117**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2008                           |  | A                              | 20,000 (1) \$ 0   | 78,298  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2008                           |  | F                              | 497 (2) \$ 23.97  | 77,801  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 75,055.28   | I  | By 401k Plan                               |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 23.97   | 03/01/2008                           |  | A                              | 46,000  | <sup>(3)</sup> 03/01/2015                                | Common Stock  | 46,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| KEENER GAITHER M JR<br>1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD<br>MOORESVILLE, NC 28117 |               |           | SVP, Genl Counsel,<br>Secty, CCO |       |

## Signatures

By: Sandra Felton For: Gaither M. Keener, Jr. 03/04/2008

\*\*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) Restricted stock granted pursuant to 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The shares are subject to forfeiture if performance standard for fiscal years 2008 through 2010 is not achieved.
- (2) Reflects shares delivered by reporting person to satisfy withholding taxes due upon vesting of restricted shares granted on March 1, 2005.
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2009.

### Remarks:

The information provided for the shares held by the 401k Plan in this report are based on a plan statement dated as of February 2008.

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