

DAMRON RICKY D  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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 DAMRON RICKY D		(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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) EVP Store Operations	
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 <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	43,000	D	Â
Common Stock	65,434.241	I	By 401k Plan

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)	
Benefit Restoration Plan Stock Units	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	422,483	\$ 0	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	03/01/2016	Common Stock	25,333	\$ 15.84	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (3)	03/01/2015	Common Stock	23,000	\$ 23.97	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (4)	03/01/2017	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 23.98	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/01/2007	03/01/2011	Common Stock	21,150	\$ 28.375	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/01/2008	03/01/2012	Common Stock	20,290	\$ 29.175	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/01/2010	03/01/2014	Common Stock	14,000	\$ 32.21	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/01/2009	03/01/2013	Common Stock	22,000	\$ 34.16	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAMRON RICKY D 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117	Â	Â	Â EVP Store Operations	Â

## Signatures

By: Sandra Felton For: Ricky D. Damron  
Date: 02/04/2011

\*\*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) Option vests in three annual installments beginning March 1, 2010.
- (3) Option vests in three annual installments beginning March 1, 2009.
- (4) Option vests in three annual installments beginning March 1, 2011.

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