

LOWES COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
January 28, 2011

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

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant To Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of January  
earliest event reported) 28, 2011

LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| North Carolina<br>(State or other<br>jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | 1-7898<br>(Commission File<br>Number) | 56-0578072<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| 1000 Lowe's Blvd.,<br>Mooresville, NC<br>(Address of principal<br>executive offices) | 28117<br>(Zip Code) |
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| Registrant's telephone<br>number, including area<br>code | (704)<br>758-1000 |
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On January 28, 2011, Lowe's Companies, Inc. (the "Company") announced that Larry D. Stone will retire from his position as President and

Chief Operating Officer of the Company, effective June 2, 2011. Mr. Stone, age 59, joined the Company in 1969 and has served as President and Chief Operating Officer since 2006. His decision to retire is not the result of any disagreement with the Company or its management.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.

Date: January 28, 2011

By: /s/ Gaither M. Keener Jr.

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Gaither M. Keener Jr.  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel,  
Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer

