

Office of Personnel Management.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection: Comment Request for Expiring Information Collection; Forms INV 41, 42, 43 and 44

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for reclearance of currently approved information collection forms INV 41, 42, 43 and 44. OPM uses these forms to request information by mail for use in OPM investigations. These investigations are conducted to determine suitability for Federal employment or the ability to hold a security clearance as prescribed in Executive Orders 10450, 12968, 10577 (5 CFR part V), and 5 U.S.C. 3301. INV Form 41, Investigative Request for Employment Data and Supervisor Information, is sent to employers and supervisors. INV Form 42, Investigative Request for Personal Information, is sent to references. INV Form 43, Investigative Request for Educational Registrar and Dean of Students Record Data, is sent to educational institutions. INV Form 44, Investigative Request for Law Enforcement Data, is sent to local law enforcement agencies.

Comments are particularly invited on:

- Whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OPM, and whether it will have practical utility;
- Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and
- Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Based on current usage, OPM estimates that 1,962,947 individuals will respond annually to the forms (1,037,947 to INV Form 41; 218,629 to INV Form 42; 165,314 to INV Form 43;

and 541,057 to INV Form 44). We believe the forms require an average of 5 minutes to complete. The total estimated public burden is 163,579 hours.

To obtain copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-2150, FAX: (202) 418-3251 or by E-mail: mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include your mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before October 5, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver written comments to: Richard A. Ferris, Associate Director, Investigations Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 5416, Washington, DC 20415-4000.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration on the Pacific Exchange (Lowe's Companies, Inc., Common Stock, \$.50 Par Value) File No. 1-7898

July 31, 2001.

Lowe's Companies, Inc., a North Carolina corporation ("Issuer"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Common Stock, \$.50 par value, ("Security"), from listing and registration on the Pacific Exchange ("PCX").

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of the PCX's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration. In a letter dated July 23, 2001, the PCX approved the Issuer's request to be removed from listing and registration on the PCX.

The Issuer stated that it made the decision to withdraw the Security from listing on the Exchange because it no longer deemed it necessary for the benefit of its shareholders to list its

share on the PCX. According to the Issuer, the expense of registration outweighed any value to its shareholders. The Issuer represents that the Security will continue to be listed and traded on the New York Stock, Inc. ("NYSE"). The application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on the PCX and shall have no effect upon its listing on the NYSE or its registration under section 12(b) of the Act.³

Any interested person may, on or before August 17, 2001 submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the PCX and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc; Extension of Comment Period for The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.'s Application for Registration as a National Securities Exchange Under Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 From July 30, 2001 to August 29, 2001

July 31, 2001.

The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq") completed its application for registration as a national securities exchange ("Form 1") under Section 6¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and submitted it to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") on March 15, 2001. Notice of Nasdaq's Form 1 application appeared in the **Federal Register** on June 13, 2001, and the deadline for public comment was July 30, 2001.²

³ 15 U.S.C. 78j(b).

⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78(f).

² Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44396 (June 7, 2001), 66 FR 31952 (June 13, 2001).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).