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(Print or Type F	Responses)											
MABRY JOSEPH MICHAEL JR Symbol				uer Name and Ticker or Trading ol 'ES COMPANIES INC [LOW]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			of Earliest Transaction				0]	(Check all applicable)				
	E'S BOULEVA		(Month/D 03/01/20	ay/Year)		iisacuoii			Director <u>X</u> Officer (give below) EVP Logis		o Owner er (specify bution	
			Amendment, Date Original d(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
MOORESV	ILLE, NC 281	17								fore than One Re		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non	n-De	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Executio any	emed on Date, if Day/Year)	Code		4. Securit n(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect Beneficial	
Common				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	(msu. 5 and 4)			
Stock (1)	03/01/2006			А		15,000	А	\$0	46,672	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Aı Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 68.32	03/01/2006		А	26,000	(2)	03/01/2013	Common Stock	26,0

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
MABRY JOSEPH MICHAEL JR 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117			EVP Logistics and Distribution					

Signatures

By: Sandra Felton For: Joseph Michael Mabry Jr.

**Signature of Reporting Person

03/03/2006 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) These restricted shares of common stock will vest on the earlier to occur of March 1, 2011 or at the end of the third or fourth fiscal years after the date of grant, if certain performance criteria are met on either of those dates.
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2007.

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