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#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MICHAEL JONATHAN E Issuer Symbol RLI CORP [RLI] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE 11/17/2008 below) below) President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **PEORIA, IL 61615** (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if		4. Securitie or Dispose	d of (E	<b>)</b> )	Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4) Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/17/2008		J(3)	107.565	A	\$ 55.78	168,921.4871	D (1)	
Common Stock							64,035.913	I	By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan (2)
Common Stock							35,661.4286	I	By Key Employee Benefit Plan (1)
							14,390.4404	I	By Trust (1)

# Common Stock

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 15.9063					05/06/2000	05/06/2009	Common Stock	6,290
Stock Option	\$ 15.7813					05/04/2001	05/04/2010	Common Stock	6,336
Stock Option	\$ 20.05					05/03/2002	05/03/2011	Common Stock	1
Stock Option	\$ 29.335					05/02/2003	05/02/2012	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option	\$ 29.55					05/01/2004	05/01/2013	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option	\$ 35.08					05/06/2005	05/06/2014	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option	\$ 44.54					05/05/2006	05/05/2015	Common Stock	45,000
Stock Option	\$ 50.15					05/04/2007(4)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 47.44					08/04/2007(4)	08/04/2016	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 54.04					11/03/2007(4)	11/03/2016	Common Stock	10,500

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Stock Option	\$ 56.21	02/02/2008(4)	02/02/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.09	05/03/2008(4)	05/03/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.67	08/03/2008(4)	08/03/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.03	11/02/2008(4)	11/02/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 55.41	02/01/2009(4)	02/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 50	05/01/2009(4)	05/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 54.36	08/01/2009(4)	08/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.73	11/03/2009(4)	11/03/2018	Common Stock	10,500

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe			
MICHAEL JONATHAN E 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615	X		President				

## **Signatures**

/s/ Jonathan E.
Michael

\*\*Signature of Reporting

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) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (2) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (3) Shares purchased through payroll deduction feature of the RLI Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (4) Pursuant to option schedule wherein 20% of the aggregate number of shares granted may be exercised commencing one year from grant date and each year thereafter in 20% increments.

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