RLI CORP Form 4 February 26, 2009

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

See Instruction

MICHAEL JONATHAN E		Symbol RLI CORP [RLI]				mg	Issuer				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3 Date	of Earli	est T	ransaction			(Chec	k all applicab	le)
9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE		(Month/Day/Year) 02/25/2009						_X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) President			
	(Street)		4. If An	nendme	nt, D	ate Origina	al		6. Individual or Jo	oint/Group Fil	ing(Check
PEORIA, IL 61615			Filed(Month/Day/Year)						Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
i LOKIA,	IL 01013								Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ble I - N	Von-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acc	quired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securitin(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/25/2009			J(4)	V	10,118	D	\$ 49.37	168,203.9475	D (1)	
Common Stock	02/25/2009			J(4)	V	10,118	A	\$ 49.37	10,118	I	J.E. Michael 2009 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust Dtd 02/24/09

By Empl.

Stock

64,737.7096

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			Ownership Plan (2)					
Common Stock	35,830.0511	I	By Key Employee Benefit Plan (1)					
Common Stock	14,458.4846	I	By Trust (1)					
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.								
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 $\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transaction 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)		8. De Se (In
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
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(3)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	10,500	
Stock Option	\$ 47.44					08/04/2007(3)	08/04/2016	Common Stock	10,500	

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Stock Option	\$ 54.04	11/03/2007(3)	11/03/2016	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.21	02/02/2008(3)	02/02/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.09	05/03/2008(3)	05/03/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.67	08/03/2008(3)	08/03/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.03	11/02/2008(3)	11/02/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 55.41	02/01/2009(3)	02/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 50	05/01/2009(3)	05/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 54.36	08/01/2009(3)	08/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.73	11/03/2009(3)	11/03/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.89	02/02/2010(3)	02/02/2019	Common Stock	10,500

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan E. 02/26/2009 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.
- 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.
- (4) Shares were transferred from J.E. Michael to the J.E. Michael 2009 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust dtd 02/24/09.

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