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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A STEPHENS	*	_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLI CORP [RLI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE		, ,	(Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2009	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
PEORIA, IL 61615			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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PEORIA, IL 61615							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(Zip) Ta	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr.	8)	onor Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	d of (E and 5) (A) or))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/26/2009		Code <u>J(2)</u>	V V	Amount 300,000	(D)	Price \$ 49.44	811,139.9578	D (1)	
Common Stock	02/26/2009		J <u>(2)</u>	V	300,000	A	\$ 49.44	300,000	I	G.D. Stephens Grantor Retained Annuity Trust (G-5)
Common Stock								11,562.7102	I	By Executive Deferred Comp (1)
Common Stock								49,453.6189	I	By Key Emp. Benefit Plan (1)

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Common Stock	30,938.0022	I	By Trust For Grandchildren
Common Stock	2,492	I	By Trust For Sister
Common Stock	68,935	I	By Wife
Common Stock	111,097.317	I	G.D. Stephens Grantor Retained Annuity Trust (G-4) (1)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
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	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
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					4, and 5)						
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									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		Or		
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
				C 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
STEPHENS GERALD D								
9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE	X							
PEORIA II. 61615								

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Signatures

/s/ Gerald D. 02/27/2009 Stephens

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Shares transferred from G.D. Stephens to the G.D. Stephens Grantor Retained Annuity Trust dtd. 02/24/09.

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