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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

STONE MICHAEL J

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

	RLI CORP [RLI]					(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2006					Director	0% Owner Other (specify	
PEORIA, I	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion OnAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 31,345.9675	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock								12,395.1137 (2)	I	By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan
Common Stock								16,922.3205 (3)	I	By Trust
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of										

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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. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Option	\$ 15.9063					05/06/2000	05/06/2009	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option	\$ 13					05/01/1998	05/01/2007	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 15.7813					05/04/2001	05/04/2010	Common Stock	28,000
Stock Option	\$ 20.05					05/03/2002	05/03/2011	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option	\$ 21.1					05/07/1999	05/07/2008	Common Stock	13,838
Stock Option	\$ 29.335					05/02/2003	05/02/2012	Common Stock	48,000
Stock Option	\$ 29.55					05/01/2004	05/01/2013	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Option	\$ 35.08					05/06/2005	05/06/2014	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Option	\$ 44.54					05/05/2006	05/05/2015	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option	\$ 50.15	05/04/2006		A	27,500	05/04/2007(4)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	27,500

Reporting Owners

9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STONE MICHAEL J President RLI Insurance Compan

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PEORIA, IL 61615

Signatures

Michael J Stone 05/08/2006

**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).
- Pursuant to option schedule wherein 20% of the aggregate number of shares granted may be exercised commencing 05/04/07, & each year thereafter in 20% increments.
- (1) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (3) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (2) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.

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