

RLI CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MICHAEL JONATHAN E**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE**  
  
(Street)

**PEORIA, IL 61615**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**RLI CORP [RLI]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/15/2009**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/15/2009                           |  | J <sup>(4)</sup>               | 131.119 A \$ 45.7599  | 168,336.3855  | D <sup>(1)</sup>   |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 65,062.2366   | I  | By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan <sup>(2)</sup>          |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 36,009.8127   | I  | By Key Employee Benefit Plan <sup>(1)</sup>           |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 14,531.0239   | I  | By Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                               |

Common  
Stock

Common  
Stock

10,118 I

J.E.  
Michael  
2009  
Grantor  
Retained  
Annuity  
Trust Dtd  
02/24/09

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number 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. 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 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/04/2016                     | Common Stock  | 10,500                        |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 47.44   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/04/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 08/04/2016                     |   | 10,500                        |

| Stock Option |          |                           |            | Common Stock |        |
|--------------|----------|---------------------------|------------|--------------|--------|
| Stock Option | \$ 54.04 | 11/03/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> | 11/03/2016 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.21 | 02/02/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> | 02/02/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.09 | 05/03/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> | 05/03/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.67 | 08/03/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> | 08/03/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.03 | 11/02/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> | 11/02/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 55.41 | 02/01/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> | 02/01/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 46.9  | 05/07/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> | 05/07/2017 | Common Stock | 9,750  |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.89 | 02/02/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> | 02/02/2019 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.73 | 11/03/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> | 11/03/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 54.36 | 08/01/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> | 08/01/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 50    | 05/01/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> | 05/01/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Jonathan E.  
Michael

05/18/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting  
Person

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.

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- (2) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (3) 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 purchased through payroll deduction feature of the RLI Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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