Hale Leslie D. Form 4 May 16, 2011

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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if no longer

subject to

Section 16.

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

RLJ Lodging Trust [RLJ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hale Leslie D.

> (Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST, 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, **SUITE 1000**

BETHESDA, MD 20814

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Symbol

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

05/16/2011

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

CFO and Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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(City) (State) (Zip) 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Shares	05/16/2011		A	118,645 (1)	A	\$0	118,645	D	
Common Shares	05/16/2011		A	87,500 (2)	A	\$0	206,145	D	

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	f 2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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					4, and 5)						
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									Amount		
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				C-1- V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Hale Leslie D. C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1000 BETHESDA, MD 20814

CFO and Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ Anita Cooke Wells, Attorney-in-Fact

05/16/2011

**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).
- Represents 118,645 shares of beneficial interest ("common shares") received by Ms. Hale in connection with RLJ Lodging Trust's (the **(1)** "Company") formation transactions.
- Concurrently with the closing of the Company's initial public offering, the Company granted 87,500 restricted shares to Ms. Hale, vesting ratably on each of the first 16 quarterly anniversaries of the date of grant, under the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan.

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