

RLI CORP

Form 4

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**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DONDANVILLE JOSEPH 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)  
05/07/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

Senior Vice President/CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Common<br>Stock                       |   |   |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)   | 77,010.015   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |   |   |                                      |  | 24,856.1341  | I  | By Empl.<br>Stock<br>Ownership<br>Plan                            |
| Common<br>Stock                       |   |   |                                      |  | 8,766.2691   | I  | By Trust <sup>(1)</sup>   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |   |   |                                      |  | 12,276   | I  | By Wife in<br>Trust   |
|                                       |   |   |                                      |  | 200  | I  |   |

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Common  
Stock

By Wife, As  
Custodian

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |                                     |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V   | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 46.9  | 05/07/2009                              |   | A                                    |   | 4,700  |     | 05/07/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 05/07/2017         | Common<br>Stock | 4,700                               |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 29.335  |   |   |                                      |   |  |     | 05/02/2003  | 05/02/2012         | Common<br>Stock | 32,000                              |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 29.55   |   |   |                                      |   |  |     | 05/01/2004  | 05/01/2013         | Common<br>Stock | 28,000                              |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 35.08   |   |   |                                      |   |  |     | 05/06/2005  | 05/06/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 28,000                              |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 44.54   |   |   |                                      |   |  |     | 05/05/2006  | 05/05/2015         | Common<br>Stock | 21,000                              |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 50.15   |   |   |                                      |   |  |     | 05/04/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 05/04/2016         | Common<br>Stock | 17,500                              |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 56.09   |   |   |                                      |   |  |     | 05/03/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 05/03/2017         | Common<br>Stock | 18,000                              |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 50  |   |   |                                      |   |  |     | 05/01/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 05/01/2018         | Common<br>Stock | 5,000                               |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 54.36   |   |   |                                      |   |  |     | 08/01/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 08/01/2018         | Common<br>Stock | 5,000                               |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 56.73   |   |   |                                      |   |  |     | 11/03/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 11/03/2018         | Common<br>Stock | 5,000                               |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 56.89   |   |   |                                      |   |  |     | 02/02/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 02/02/2019         | Common<br>Stock | 5,000                               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| DONDANVILLE JOSEPH E<br>9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE<br>PEORIA, IL 61615 |               |           | Senior Vice President/CFO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Joseph E.  
Dondanville

05/11/2009

\_\_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.
- (2) 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.

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