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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

Kennedy Daniel O

Stock

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Common

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05/15/2009

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Symbol RLI CORP [RLI] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE 05/15/2009 below) Vice President General Counsel (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **PEORIA, IL 61615** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Ownership Owned Direct (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 4) Following or Indirect Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount Price By Executive Deferred Common J(5)05/15/2009 5.296 190.2632 I

39.336 A

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Compensation

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8 E S (1
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 52.3					02/21/2007(3)	02/21/2016	Common Stock	5,000	
Stock Option	\$ 50.15					05/04/2007(3)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	8,000	
Stock Option	\$ 56.09					05/03/2008(3)	05/03/2017	Common Stock	9,000	
Stock Option	\$ 50					05/01/2009(3)	05/01/2018	Common Stock	11,000	
Stock Option	\$ 46.9					05/07/2010(3)	05/07/2017	Common Stock	10,300	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Kennedy Daniel O 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615

Vice President General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Daniel O.	05/19/200		
Kennedy	05/18/2009		

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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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) 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.
- (5) The securities herein were allocated to my account pursuant to the RLI Corp. Executive Deferred Compensation Agreement.

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