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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kliethermes Craig W	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLI CORP [RLI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE	(Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2009	Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) VP, Actuarial RLI Insurance Co			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
PEORIA, IL 61615	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative Secur	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of	, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Accord Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D)	(D)	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)
Common Stock	05/19/2009		J <u>(4)</u>	1.685 A	\$ 45.7599	2,944.166	D (1)	
Common Stock						1,436.2772	I (2)	By Esop
Common						2,214.1381	I (1)	By Executive

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 50.15					05/04/2007(3)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	5,000
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	14,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kliethermes Craig W

9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE

VP, Actuarial RLI Insurance Co

PEORIA, IL 61615

Signatures

/s/ Craig W. Us/19/2009 Kliethermes

**Signature of Reporting Date
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).

(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) Purchase adjustment

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