

RLI CORP  
Form SC 13G/A  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 17)

RLI Corp.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock \$1.00 Par Value

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(Title of Class of Securities)

749607 10 7

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(CUSIP NUMBER)

No Fee is being paid with this statement.

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1. Name of Reporting Person and IRS Identification Number:

RLI Corp. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust ("ESOP")  
#37-0889946

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2. Check appropriate Box if Member of a Group: (a)  (b)

Not applicable

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3. SEC use only

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4. Place of Organization:

Peoria, Illinois

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the ESOP. All dispositions of the Common Stock owned by the ESOP are made by the Trustee at the direction of RLI Corp. to vested participants upon termination of employment.

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11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9:

10.4%

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12. Type of Reporting Person:

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### Item 1

(a) **Name of Issuer:**

RLI Corp.

(b) **Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:**

9025 North Lindbergh Drive, Peoria, IL 61615

### Item 2

(a) **Name of Person Filing:**

RLI Corp. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust ("ESOP")

(b) **Address of Principal Business Office:**

The ESOP is administered by RLI Corp. The Trustee of the ESOP is Joseph E. Dondanville ("Trustee").

Addresses:

RLI Corp.  
9025 North Lindbergh Drive  
Peoria, IL 61615

(c) **Citizenship:**

Organized in Peoria, Illinois

(d) **Title of Class of Securities:**

Common Stock \$1.00 Par Value

(e) **CUSIP Number:**

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### Item 3 Eligibility to File Schedule 13G:

Employee Benefit Plan which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

### Item 4 Ownership:

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**Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:**

Not applicable.

**Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:**

Not applicable.

**Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:**

Not applicable.

**Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:**

Not applicable.

**Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:**

Not applicable.

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**Item 10 Certification:**

The undersigned certifies that to the best of his knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

RLI Corp. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust

Date: 01/24/03

By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ JOSEPH E. DONDANVILLE

Its Trustee

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