RLI CORP
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MICHAEL JONATHAN 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)
09/19/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/19/2008		M		59,999	A	$ 20.05	203,561.9181	D (1)	
Common Stock	09/19/2008		F		34,748	D	$ 65.75	168,813.9181	D (1)	
Common Stock								14,320.1725	I	By Trust (1)
Common Stock								63,729.15	I	By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan (2)
								35,487.2952	I	

Common Stock	By Key Employee Benefit Plan (1)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number 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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option	$ 20.05	09/19/2008		M			59,999	05/03/2002	05/03/2011	Common Stock	59,999
Stock Option	$ 54.36							08/01/2009(3)	08/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	$ 56.03							11/02/2008(3)	11/02/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	$ 56.09							05/03/2008(3)	05/03/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	$ 54.04							11/03/2007(3)	11/03/2016	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	$ 47.44							08/04/2007(3)	08/04/2016	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	$ 29.335							05/02/2003	05/02/2012	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option	$ 55.41							02/01/2009(3)	02/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	$ 44.54							05/05/2006	05/05/2015	Common Stock	45,000
Stock Option	$ 50							05/01/2009(3)	05/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500

Stock Option	$ 56.21		02/02/2008[3]	02/02/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	$ 29.55		05/01/2004	05/01/2013	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option	$ 15.7813		05/04/2001	05/04/2010	Common Stock	6,336
Stock Option	$ 50.15		05/04/2007[3]	05/04/2016	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	$ 35.08		05/06/2005	05/06/2014	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option	$ 15.9063		05/06/2000	05/06/2009	Common Stock	6,290
Stock Option	$ 56.67		08/03/2008[3]	08/03/2017	Common Stock	10,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MICHAEL JONATHAN E 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615	X		President	

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan E. Michael	09/22/2008
**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) 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.

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