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November 12, 2009 **OMB APPROVAL** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 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) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading DONDANVILLE JOSEPH E Issuer Symbol RLI CORP [RLI] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE 07/15/2009 below) below) Senior Vice President/CFO (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 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (D) or Ownership (Instr. 8) Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common By Wife, As 07/15/2009 J(3)V 200 D \$0 Ι Stock Custodian Common D 77,010.015 Stock By Empl. Common Stock 25,002.4171 I Stock Ownership

Plan

By Trust (1)

8,817.8022

12,276

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Common By Wife in Stock Trust

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

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

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. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			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	\$ 29.335					05/02/2003	05/02/2012	Common Stock	32,000
Stock Option	\$ 29.55					05/01/2004	05/01/2013	Common Stock	28,000
Stock Option	\$ 35.08					05/06/2005	05/06/2014	Common Stock	28,000
Stock Option	\$ 44.54					05/05/2006	05/05/2015	Common Stock	21,000
Stock Option	\$ 50.15					05/04/2007(2)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	17,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.09					05/03/2008(2)	05/03/2017	Common Stock	18,000
Stock Option	\$ 50					05/01/2009(2)	05/01/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 54.36					08/01/2009(2)	08/01/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 56.73					11/03/2009(2)	11/03/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 56.89					02/02/2010(2)	02/02/2019	Common Stock	5,000

Stock Option \$46.9 05/07/2010(2) 05/07/2017 Common Stock 4,700

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DONDANVILLE JOSEPH E 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615

Senior Vice President/CFO

Signatures

/s/ Joseph E. Dondanville 11/11/2009

**Signature of Reporting 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.
- 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.
- (3) Daughter's legal residence is no longer Reporting Person's.

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