

RLI CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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

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

(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)  
**02/15/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2006                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 75.6  | A  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | \$ 52.9099  |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 134,561.0849  |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(2)</u>  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 60,261.8067   |  | By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan     |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(3)</u>  | I  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 34,095.1907   |  | By Key Employee Benefit Plan      |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(4)</u>  | I  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | By Trust                          |

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Common Stock 13,758.2904  
(5)

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                     | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option                                     | \$ 15.9063   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/06/2000   | 05/06/2009  | Common Stock              | 6,290                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 15.7813   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/04/2001   | 05/04/2010  | Common Stock              | 6,336                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 20.05   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/03/2002   | 05/03/2011  | Common Stock              | 60,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 21.1  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/07/1999   | 05/07/2008  | Common Stock              | 9,355                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 29.335  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/02/2003   | 05/02/2012  | Common Stock              | 60,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 29.55   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/01/2004   | 05/01/2013  | Common Stock              | 60,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 35.08   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/06/2005   | 05/06/2014  | Common Stock              | 60,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 44.54   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/05/2006   | 05/05/2015  | Common Stock              | 45,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

MICHAEL JONATHAN E  
9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE    X    President  
PEORIA, IL 61615

## Signatures

Jonathan E    02/16/2006  
Michael

\_\_Signature of    Date  
Reporting 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).
- (2) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (3) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (6) Options balance adjusted to reflect 2 additional options received pursuant to the 1995 and 1998 stock splits.
- (1) Shares purchased through payroll deduction feature of the RLI Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (5) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (4) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

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