

RLI CORP

Form 4

April 29, 2005

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DONDANVILLE JOSEPH 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)

04/28/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President/CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	04/28/2005		M/K	5,000	A \$ 13	20,556.015	D
Common Stock	04/28/2005		F/K	1,485	D \$ 43.77	19,071.015	D
Common Stock					46,905.2767 (1)	I	By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan
Common Stock					8,216.7512 (2)	I	By Trust
					400	I	

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Common
Stock

By wife, as
Custodian

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. Amount or Number of Shares	
				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	21,000
Stock Option	\$ 15.7813							05/04/2001	05/04/2010	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option	\$ 20.05							05/03/2002	05/03/2011	Common Stock	22,000
Stock Option	\$ 21.1							05/07/1999	05/07/2008	Common Stock	18,752
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	\$ 13	04/28/2005		M/K		5,000		05/01/1998	05/01/2007	Common Stock	5,000

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

Joseph E
Dondanville

04/29/2005

 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 shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (2) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

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