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# FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DONDANVILLE JOSEPH E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLI CORP [RLI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction	()		
9025 N. LIND	BERGH DI	RIVE	(Month/Day/Year) 08/23/2011	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President/CFO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
PEORIA, IL 6	51615		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Repeticially Representation (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Representation (Instr. 3, 4

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Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)	•	any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
(,		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(,		- /	Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
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					(A)		Reported	(I)	
					or		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common	00/00/0011		<b>G</b> (1)	500	_	Φ. 60.05	(2.10(.015	ъ	
Stock	08/23/2011		S(1)	500	D	\$ 60.05	63,106.015	D	
Stock									
Common			/4\						
Stock	08/24/2011		S(1)	500	D	\$ 60.9	62,606.015	D	
Stock									
Common									
	08/24/2011		S(1)	500	D	\$ 61.2	62,106.015	D	
Stock									
Common									
	08/24/2011		$S_{}^{(1)}$	300	D	\$ 61.23	61,806.015	D	
Stock			_						
Common						¢			
Common	08/24/2011		S(1)	500	D	\$	61,306.015	D	
Stock						61.278	,		

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Common Stock	08/24/2011	S(1)	500	D	\$ 61.4	60,806.015	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2011	S(1)	500	D	\$ 61.48	60,306.015	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2011	S(1)	500	D	\$ 61.6	59,806.015	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2011	S(1)	500	D	\$ 60.94	59,306.015	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2011	S(1)	300	D	\$ 60.8	59,006.015	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2011	S(1)	447	D	\$ 61.1	58,559.015	D	
Common Stock						27,489.6065	I	By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan
Common Stock						10,388.3651	I	By Trust (2)
Common Stock						12,276	I	By Wife in Trust
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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and a Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 37.54 (3)					05/05/2006	05/05/2015	Common Stock	10,000

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Stock Option	\$ 43.15 (3)	05/04/2007 <u>(4)</u>	05/04/2016	Common Stock	17,500
Stock Option	\$ 49.09 (3)	05/03/2008 <u>(4)</u>	05/03/2017	Common Stock	18,000
Stock Option	\$ 43 (3)	05/01/2009 <u>(4)</u>	05/01/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 47.36 (3)	08/01/2009 <u>(4)</u>	08/01/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 49.73 (3)	11/03/2009 <u>(4)</u>	11/03/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 49.89 (3)	02/02/2010 <u>(4)</u>	02/02/2019	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 39.9 (3)	05/07/2010 <u>(4)</u>	05/07/2017	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Option	\$ 43.49 (3)	08/03/2010 <u>(4)</u>	08/03/2017	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Option	\$ 42.9 (3)	11/02/2010 <u>(4)</u>	11/02/2017	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Option	\$ 44.62 (3)	02/01/2011 <u>(4)</u>	02/01/2018	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Option	\$ 49.34 (3)	05/06/2011 <u>(4)</u>	05/06/2018	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 49.2 (3)	08/02/2011 <u>(4)</u>	08/02/2018	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 50.26 (3) (4)	11/01/2011	11/01/2018	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 55.28	02/01/2012 <u>(4)</u>	02/01/2019	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 58.73	05/05/2012 <u>(4)</u>	05/05/2019	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 62.62	08/01/2012 <u>(4)</u>	08/01/2019	Common Stock	4,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships				
Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
		Senior Vice President/CFO		
	Director	Director 10% Owner	Director 10% Owner Officer	

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# **Signatures**

/s/ Joseph E. Dondanville 08/25/2011

\*\*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) The transactions reported on this Form 4 reflect the sale of shares held in the Reporting Person's 401k brokerage account.
- (2) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (3) Stock Option grant price adjusted to reflect \$7 RLI extraordinary dividend paid 12/29/10.
- (4) 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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