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OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 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 MICHAEL JONATHAN E Issuer Symbol RLI CORP [RLI] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE 11/15/2012 below) below) President (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** (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3. Transactio | 4. Securiti | | quired (A) | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of Indirect |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---|---------------|---|---|--|
| (Instr. 3) | (Month Day) Teal) | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 | | | Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 11/15/2012 | | J <u>(1)</u> | 30.052 | A | \$ 66.5512 | 217,622.1518 | D (2) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 85,587.4083 | I | By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan (3) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 46,601.034 | I | By Key Employee Benefit Plan (2) |
| | | | | | | | 18,806.8184 | I | By Trust (2) |

| Common | |
|--------|--|
| Stock | |

| Common Stock | 6,575.5036 | I | J.E. Michael 2011 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust Dtd 08/02/11 |
|-----------------|------------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 7,708.9199 | I | J.E. Michael 2012 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust Dtd 07/24/12 |
| Common Stock | 5,060 | I | Michael Charitable Fund dtd 08/30/11 |

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

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

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exercisab | le and | 7. Title and A | Amount of | 8. |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|------------|-----|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | orNumber | Expiration Date | | Underlying S | Securities | De |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/Year | .) | (Instr. 3 and | 4) | Se |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | | | (In |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | | | |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Amount | |
| | | | | | | | Expiration | | or | |
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Date | Title | Number | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | Bute | | of Shares | |
| | | | | | (11) (2) | | | | 01 011410 | |
| Stock | \$ 32.54 | | | | | 05/05/2006 | 05/05/2015 | Common | 45,000 | |
| Option | <u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u> | | | | | 03/03/2000 | 03/03/2013 | Stock | 43,000 | |
| • | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 05/04/2007(6) | 05/04/2016 | | 10,500 | |
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|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Stock Option | \$ 38.15 (4) (5) | | | Common Stock | |
| Stock Option | \$ 35.44 (4) (5) | 08/04/2007 <u>(6)</u> | 08/04/2016 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 42.04 (4) (5) | 11/03/2007 <u>(6)</u> | 11/03/2016 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.21 (4) (5) | 02/02/2008 <u>(6)</u> | 02/02/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.09 (4) (5) | 05/03/2008 <u>(6)</u> | 05/03/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.67 (4) (5) | 08/03/2008 <u>(6)</u> | 08/03/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.03 (4) (5) | 11/02/2008 <u>(6)</u> | 11/02/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 43.41 (4) (5) | 02/01/2009 <u>(6)</u> | 02/01/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 38 (4) (5) | 05/01/2009 <u>(6)</u> | 05/01/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 42.36 (4) (5) | 08/01/2009 <u>(6)</u> | 08/01/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.73 (4) (5) | 11/03/2009 <u>(6)</u> | 11/03/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.89 (4) (5) | 02/02/2010 <u>(6)</u> | 02/02/2019 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 34.9 (4) (5) | 05/07/2010 <u>(6)</u> | 05/07/2017 | Common Stock | 9,750 |
| Stock Option | \$ 38.49 (4) (5) | 08/03/2010 <u>(6)</u> | 08/03/2017 | Common Stock | 9,750 |
| Stock Option | \$ 37.9 (4) (5) | 11/02/2010 <u>(6)</u> | 11/02/2017 | Common Stock | 9,750 |
| Stock Option | \$ 39.62 (4) (5) | 02/01/2011 <u>(6)</u> | 02/01/2018 | Common Stock | 9,750 |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.34 (4) (5) | 05/06/2011 <u>(6)</u> | 05/06/2018 | Common Stock | 8,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.2 (4) (5) | 08/02/2011 <u>(6)</u> | 08/02/2018 | Common Stock | 8,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 45.26 (4) (5) | 11/01/2011 <u>(6)</u> | 11/01/2018 | Common Stock | 8,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 50.28 (4) | 02/01/2012 <u>(6)</u> | 02/01/2019 | Common Stock | 8,500 |
| | | 05/05/2012 <u>(6)</u> | 05/05/2019 | | 15,000 |

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| Stock Option | \$ 53.73 (4) | | | Common Stock | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Stock Option | \$ 57.62 (4) | 08/01/2012 <u>(6)</u> | 08/01/2019 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 62.59 (4) | 11/01/2012 <u>(6)</u> | 11/01/2019 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 72.61 | 02/01/2013(6) | 02/01/2020 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 68.7 | 05/03/2013 <u>(6)</u> | 05/03/2020 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 63.25 | 08/01/2013 <u>(6)</u> | 08/01/2020 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 67.83 | 11/01/2013 <u>(6)</u> | 11/01/2020 | Common Stock | 15,000 |

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

**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) Shares purchased through payroll deduction feature of the RLI Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (3) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (4) Stock Option grant price adjusted to reflect \$5 RLI extraordinary dividend declared 11/17/11.
- (5) Stock Option grant price adjusted to reflect \$7 RLI extraordinary dividend paid 12/29/10.
- 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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