

RLI CORP  
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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 \*  
**LENROW GERALD I**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4052 MANSION DRIVE NW  
(Street)

WASHINGTON, DC 20007

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**RLI CORP [RLI]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/2004

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)

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2004                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | 367 A \$ 40.8   | 3,785.207   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/20/2004                           |  | J <sup>(2)</sup>               | 430.4478 A \$ 40.3218   | 34,717.0012 <sup>(3)</sup>  | I  | By Directors' Irrev. Trust                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 916.835   | I  | By Trust for Daughter                      |

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 9.15  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(4)</u>   | 05/02/2006  | Common Stock  | 2,400                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 13.95   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/03/1998   | 02/03/2007  | Common Stock  | 1,500                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 16.5938   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/01/2000   | 02/01/2009  | Common Stock  | 3,000                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 19.6  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/02/1999   | 02/02/2008  | Common Stock  | 1,500                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 22.7  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/01/2002   | 02/01/2011  | Common Stock  | 3,600                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 22.75   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/01/2003   | 02/01/2012  | Common Stock  | 1,800                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 27.51   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/03/2004   | 02/03/2013  | Common Stock  | 1,800                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 40.39   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/02/2005   | 02/02/2014  | Common Stock  | 3,600                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address           | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LENROW GERALD I<br>4052 MANSION DRIVE NW | X             |           |         |       |

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## Signatures

Gerald I Lenrow 12/22/2004

\_\_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).
- (3) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (1) Issued pursuant to the RLI Corp. Nonemployee Directors' Stock Plan
- (4) 05/02/1997
- (2) The securities herein were allocated to my account pursuant to the RLI Corp. Directors' Irrevocable Trust Agreement.

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