

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 \*  
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)  
05/05/2005

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)  
Senior Vice President/CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock					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
Common Stock					400	I	By wife, as Custodian

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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)
				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	\$ 13					05/01/1998 05/01/2007	Common Stock 5,750
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	\$ 44.54	05/05/2005		A	21,000	05/05/2006 05/05/2015	Common Stock 21,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
DONDANVILLE JOSEPH E 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Senior Vice President/CFO

PEORIA, IL 61615

## Signatures

Joseph E

Dondanville

05/10/2005

\_\_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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