

RLI CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
STONE MICHAEL J

(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)  
05/16/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President RLI Insurance Compan

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/11/2005		G	V 200 D \$ 45.15	13,692.6409 (1)	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		J(2)	91.761 A \$ 43.5917	13,784.4019 (1)	D	
Common Stock					11,729.7091 (3)	I	By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan
Common Stock					16,701.0096 (4)	I	By Trust

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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)	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
Option	\$ 15.9063					05/06/2000	05/06/2009	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option	\$ 9.4					05/13/1997	05/13/2006	Common Stock	15,350
Stock Option	\$ 13					05/01/1998	05/01/2007	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 15.7813					05/04/2001	05/04/2010	Common Stock	28,000
Stock Option	\$ 20.05					05/03/2002	05/03/2011	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option	\$ 21.1					05/07/1999	05/07/2008	Common Stock	13,838
Stock Option	\$ 29.335					05/02/2003	05/02/2012	Common Stock	48,000
Stock Option	\$ 29.55					05/01/2004	05/01/2013	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Option	\$ 35.08					05/06/2005	05/06/2014	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Option	\$ 44.54					05/05/2006	05/05/2015	Common Stock	30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STONE MICHAEL J 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615				President RLI Insurance Compan

## Signatures

Michael J Stone                      05/17/2005

\_\_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).
- (2) Shares purchased through payroll deduction feature of the RLI Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (1) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (4) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (3) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.

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