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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kliethermes Craig W | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLI CORP [RLI] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check an applicable) | | |
| 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE | | IVE | (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2007 | Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX_ Other (specify below) VP, Actuarial RLI Insurance Co | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| PEORIA, IL 6 | 1615 | | 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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | | sed of | ` ′ | 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,510.246 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 478.3356 <u>(2)</u> | I | By ESOP |
| Common Stock | 08/01/2007 | | J <u>(3)</u> | 23 | A | \$ 58.5425 | 320.0063 (1) | I | By Executive Deferred Comp |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. 5. TransactionNumber | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | | 8. Prio Deriv |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|--------------------|--|--|------------------|
| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Y | | (Instr. 3 and | | Secur (Instr. |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Stock Option | \$ 50.15 | | | | | 05/04/2007 | 05/04/2016 | Common Stock | 5,000 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.09 | | | | | 05/03/2008 | 05/03/2017 | Common Stock | 9,000 | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kliethermes Craig W 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615

VP, Actuarial RLI Insurance Co

Signatures

Craig W

Kliethermes 08/02/2007 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (3) The securities herein were allocated to my account pursuant to the RLI Corp. Executive Deferred Compensation Agreement.
- (1) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- 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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