

RLI CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
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)  
08/09/2011

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)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	08/09/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 58.8875	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 58.945	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 58.968	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 58.97	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 59.005	D	

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Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 59.02	100,797.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 59.025	100,697.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 59.04	100,597.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 59.045	100,497.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 59.075	100,397.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 59.05	100,297.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 59.055	100,197.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 59.302	100,097.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 59.35	99,997.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 59.375	99,897.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	101	D	\$ 59.42	99,796.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 59.52	99,696.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 59.55	99,496.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 59.58	99,396.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 59.6725	99,296.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 59.68	98,796.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 59.78	98,496.015	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 59.81	97,996.015	D	
Common Stock						27,489.6065	I	By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan
Common						10,388.3651	I	By Trust <sup>(2)</sup>

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Stock

Common  
Stock

12,276

I

By Wife in  
Trust

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 37.54 (3)					05/05/2006 05/05/2015	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option	\$ 43.15 (3)					05/04/2007(4) 05/04/2016	Common Stock	17,500
Stock Option	\$ 49.09 (3)					05/03/2008(4) 05/03/2017	Common Stock	18,000
Stock Option	\$ 43 (3)					05/01/2009(4) 05/01/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 47.36 (3)					08/01/2009(4) 08/01/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 49.73 (3)					11/03/2009(4) 11/03/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 49.89 (3)					02/02/2010(4) 02/02/2019	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 39.9 (3)					05/07/2010(4) 05/07/2017	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Option	\$ 43.49 (3)					08/03/2010(4) 08/03/2017	Common Stock	4,700
	\$ 42.9 (3)					11/02/2010(4) 11/02/2017		4,700

Stock Option				Common Stock	
Stock Option	\$ 44.62 (3)	02/01/2011 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/01/2018	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Option	\$ 49.34 (3)	05/06/2011 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/06/2018	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 49.2 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/02/2011 <sup>(4)</sup>	08/02/2018	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 50.26 (3) (4)	11/01/2011	11/01/2018	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 55.28	02/01/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/01/2019	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 58.73	05/05/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/05/2019	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 62.62	08/01/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>	08/01/2019	Common Stock	4,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DONDANVILLE JOSEPH E 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615			Senior Vice President/CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Joseph E.  
Dondanville

08/11/2011

\*\*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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the Reporting Person on June 9, 2011.
- (2) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (3) Stock Option grant price adjusted to reflect \$7 RLI extraordinary dividend paid 12/29/10.
- (4) 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.

### Remarks:

This form is one of five Form 4s filed on August 11, 2011 for transactions effected by the Reporting Person on August 9 and A  
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