

RLI CORP

Form 4

December 22, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SUTKOWSKI EDWARD F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SUTKOWSKI & RHOADS
LTD, 560 BANK ONE BUILDING

(Street)

PEORIA, IL 61602

(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)
☒ 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/21/2004		A ⁽¹⁾		367	A	\$ 40.8
							48,063.7002 ⁽²⁾
Common Stock	12/20/2004		J ⁽³⁾		348.0237	A	\$ 40.3218
							71,695.5977 ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock							74,338.6103 ⁽⁵⁾
Common Stock							3,259.7621 ⁽⁶⁾

By
Directors
Trust

By Trust

S&R
Money
Purchase

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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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr.	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 22.75							02/01/2003	02/01/2012	Common Stock	600
Stock Option	\$ 27.51							02/03/2004	02/03/2013	Common Stock	1,200
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
SUTKOWSKI EDWARD F SUTKOWSKI & RHOADS LTD 560 BANK ONE BUILDING PEORIA, IL 61602	X

Signatures

Edward F
Sutkowski 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).

(2) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

(6) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

(5) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

(4) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

(1) Issued pursuant to the RLI Corp. Nonemployee Directors' Stock Plan

(3) The securities herein were allocated to my account pursuant to the RLI Corp. Directors' Irrevocable Trust Agreement.

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