

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)  
12/29/2010

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/27/2010                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 596 D \$ 0  | 25,523.5289   | I  | By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan                         |
| Common Stock                    | 12/27/2010                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 596 A \$ 0  | 86,786.015  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/29/2010                           |  | M                              | 14,000 A \$ 22.55   | 100,786.015   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/29/2010                           |  | F                              | 9,114 D \$ 53.23  | 91,672.015  | D  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 9,043.6131  | I  | By Trust <sup>(3)</sup>                               |

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Common  
Stock

Common  
Stock

12,276

I

By Wife in  
Trust

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 22.55<br>(2)  | 12/29/2010                           |  | M                              | 14,000  | 05/01/2004   | 05/01/2013  | Common Stock               | 14,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 28.08<br>(2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/06/2005   | 05/06/2014  | Common Stock               | 28,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 37.54<br>(2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/05/2006   | 05/05/2015  | Common Stock               | 21,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 43.15<br>(2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/04/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 05/04/2016  | Common Stock               | 17,500                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 49.09<br>(2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/03/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 05/03/2017  | Common Stock               | 18,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 43 <sup>(2)</sup>                                   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/01/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 05/01/2018  | Common Stock               | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 47.36<br>(2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/01/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 08/01/2018  | Common Stock               | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 49.73<br>(2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/03/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 11/03/2018  | Common Stock               | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 49.89<br>(2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/02/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 02/02/2019  | Common Stock               | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 39.9 <sup>(2)</sup>                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/07/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 05/07/2017  | Common Stock               | 4,700                      |

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|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| Stock Option | \$ 43.49<br>(2)     | 08/03/2010 <sup>(4)</sup> | 08/03/2017 | Common Stock | 4,700 |
| Stock Option | \$ 42.9 (2)         | 11/02/2010 <sup>(4)</sup> | 11/02/2017 | Common Stock | 4,700 |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.62<br>(2)     | 02/01/2011 <sup>(4)</sup> | 02/01/2018 | Common Stock | 4,700 |
| Stock Option | \$ 49.34<br>(2)     | 05/06/2011 <sup>(4)</sup> | 05/06/2018 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 49.2 (2)         | 08/02/2011 <sup>(4)</sup> | 08/02/2018 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 50.26<br>(2) (4) | 11/01/2011                | 11/01/2018 | Common Stock | 4,000 |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Joseph E.  
Dondanville

12/30/2010

\*\*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) Distribution of shares under diversification provisions of Employee Stock Ownership Plan & Trust (ESOP).
- (2) Stock Option grant price adjusted to reflect \$7 RLI special dividend paid 12/29/10.
- (3) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (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.

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