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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

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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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

RLI CORP [RLI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Middle)

MICHAEL JONATHAN E

9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE				h/Day/Year) 5/2011	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) President		
(Street)				mendment, Date Original Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
PEORIA, IL 61615			· ·	• ′	_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
	(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	able I - Non-Derivative Securities A	quired, 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)	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Beneficial Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
	Common Stock	05/16/2011		$J_{\underline{(2)}}$ 33.51 A $_{59.684}^{\$}$	213,342.7644 D (1)		
	Common Stock				77,687.868 I By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan $\frac{(3)}{2}$		
	Common Stock				42,461.299 I By Key Employee Benefit Plan (1)		
					17,134.2882 I By Trust (1)		

Common Stock

Common Stock	5,696.4502	I	Michael 2009 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust Dtd 02/24/09
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $\label{thm:convertible} \textbf{Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned} \\ \textit{(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and 2. Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 28.08 (4)					05/06/2005	05/06/2014	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option	\$ 37.54 (4)					05/05/2006	05/05/2015	Common Stock	45,000
Stock Option	\$ 43.15 (4)					05/04/2007(5)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 40.44 (4)					08/04/2007(5)	08/04/2016	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 47.04 (4)					11/03/2007(5)	11/03/2016	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 49.21 (4)					02/02/2008(5)	02/02/2017	Common Stock	10,500
						05/03/2008(5)	05/03/2017		10,500

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Stock Option	\$ 49.09 (4)		Common Stock	
Stock Option	\$ 49.67 (4)	08/03/2008 ⁽⁵⁾ 08/03/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 49.03 (4)	11/02/2008 ⁽⁵⁾ 11/02/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 48.41 (4)	02/01/2009 <u>(5)</u> 02/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 43 (4)	05/01/2009 ⁽⁵⁾ 05/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 47.36 (4)	08/01/2009 ⁽⁵⁾ 08/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 49.73 (4)	11/03/2009 <u>(5)</u> 11/03/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 49.89 (4)	02/02/2010 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/02/2019	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 39.9 (4)	05/07/2010 <u>(5)</u> 05/07/2017	Common Stock	9,750
Stock Option	\$ 43.49 (4)	08/03/2010 ⁽⁵⁾ 08/03/2017	Common Stock	9,750
Stock Option	\$ 42.9 <u>(4)</u>	11/02/2010 <u>(5)</u> 11/02/2017	Common Stock	9,750
Stock Option	\$ 44.62 (4)	02/01/2011 <u>(5)</u> 02/01/2018	Common Stock	9,750
Stock Option	\$ 49.34 (4)	05/06/2011 <u>(5)</u> 05/06/2018	Common Stock	8,500
Stock Option	\$ 49.2 (4)	08/02/2011 ⁽⁵⁾ 08/02/2018	Common Stock	8,500
Stock Option	\$ 50.26 (4)	11/01/2011 <u>(5)</u> 11/01/2018	Common Stock	8,500
Stock Option	\$ 55.28	02/01/2012 <u>(5)</u> 02/01/2019	Common Stock	8,500
Stock Option	\$ 58.73	05/05/2012 <u>(5)</u> 05/05/2019	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MICHAEL JONATHAN E 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE	X		President			
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/s/ Jonathan E. 05/17/2011 Michael

**Signature of Reporting Date

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).
- (1) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (2) Shares purchased through payroll deduction feature of the RLI Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (4) Stock Option grant price adjusted to reflect \$7 RLI extraordinary dividend paid 12/29/10.
- 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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