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## FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad Kliethermes	•	orting Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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				
9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE			(Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2011	Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (special below)  VP, Actuarial RLI Insurance Co			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
PEORIA, IL 61615			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(Street)		(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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PEORIA, IL 61615							Ī	Person			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficia	lly 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)	4. Securition Dispose (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of (	D)	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						\$				

Common Stock	05/16/2011	,	Code V J <u>(2)</u>	Amount 16.755	(A) or (D)	Price \$ 59.684	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 3,390.129	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) $D (1)$	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock							2,606.4256	I (3)	By Esop
Common Stock							4,571.7959	I (1)	By Executive Deferred

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 43.15 (5)					05/04/2007(4)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 49.09 (5)					05/03/2008(4)	05/03/2017	Common Stock	9,000
Stock Option	\$ 43 <u>(5)</u>					05/01/2009(4)	05/01/2018	Common Stock	11,000
Stock Option	\$ 39.9 (5)					05/07/2010(4)	05/07/2017	Common Stock	14,000
Stock Option	\$ 49.34 (5)					05/06/2011(4)	05/06/2018	Common Stock	13,000
Stock Option	\$ 58.73					05/05/2012(4)	05/05/2019	Common Stock	18,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

VP, Actuarial RLI Insurance Co

## **Signatures**

/s/ Craig W. Kliethermes 05/17/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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- \* 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) 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.
- (5) Stock Option grant price adjusted to reflect \$7 RLI extraordinary dividend paid 12/29/10.

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