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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Kliethermes C	-	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLI CORP [RLI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Sheen an applicable)			
9025 N. LIND	BERGH DR	RIVE	(Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2008	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
PEORIA, IL 61615				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially						ly 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)	(A) or		, ,	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 Stock			Code v	Amount	Amount (D) Price		2,466.956 (1)	D	
Common Stock							1,019.0289 (2)	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	05/01/2008		J <u>(3)</u>	27.8102	A	\$ 50.2932	1,518.3239 (1)	I	By Executive Deferred Comp

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. Number of orDerivative 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	\$ 50.15					05/04/2007	05/04/2016	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 56.09					05/03/2008	05/03/2017	Common Stock	9,000
Stock Option	\$ 50	05/01/2008		A	11,000	05/01/2009	05/01/2018	Common Stock	11,000

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

CraigWKliethermes 05/02/2008

**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 shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (3) The securities herein were allocated to my account pursuant to the RLI Corp. Executive Deferred Compensation Agreement.
- (1) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- 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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