

RLI CORP

Form 4

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**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 \*  
**MICHAEL JONATHAN 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)  
09/15/2005

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)

President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 09/15/2005                              |                                                             | J <sup>(1)</sup>                     | V Amount (A) or (D) Price<br>43.898 A \$ 45.56                          | 113,585.7272<br><sup>(2)</sup>                                                                                     | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 59,356.1651<br><sup>(3)</sup>                                                                                      | I                                                                       | By Empl.<br>Stock<br>Ownership<br>Plan                            |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 33,866.536 <sup>(4)</sup>                                                                                          | I                                                                       | By Key<br>Employee<br>Benefit<br>Plan                             |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    | I                                                                       | By Trust                                                          |

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Common Stock 13,666.7697  
(5)

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     | 8. Pri<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>(Instr |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |                                    |
| Option                                              | \$ 15.9063                                                         |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 05/06/2000                                                     | 05/06/2009         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 6,290                               |                                    |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 9.15                                                            |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 05/02/1997                                                     | 05/02/2006         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 2,250                               |                                    |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 13                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 05/01/1998                                                     | 05/01/2007         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 21,000                              |                                    |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 15.7813                                                         |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 05/04/2001                                                     | 05/04/2010         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 11,200                              |                                    |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 20.05                                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 05/03/2002                                                     | 05/03/2011         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 60,000                              |                                    |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 21.1                                                            |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 05/07/1999                                                     | 05/07/2008         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 9,356                               |                                    |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 29.335                                                          |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 05/02/2003                                                     | 05/02/2012         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 60,000                              |                                    |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 29.55                                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 05/01/2004                                                     | 05/01/2013         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 60,000                              |                                    |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 35.08                                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 05/06/2005                                                     | 05/06/2014         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 60,000                              |                                    |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 44.54                                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 05/05/2006                                                     | 05/05/2015         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 45,000                              |                                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |           |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|                                                                   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other |
| MICHAEL JONATHAN E<br>9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE<br>PEORIA, IL 61615 | X             |           | President |       |

## Signatures

Jonathan E  
Michael 09/16/2005

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.
- (3) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (6) Options balance adjusted to reflect 2 additional options received pursuant to the 1995 and 1998 stock splits.
- (1) Shares purchased through payroll deduction feature of the RLI Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (5) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (4) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

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