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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Kennedy Daniel O

(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)
02/13/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Vice President General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2009 | | J ⁽⁴⁾ | 38.2899 A \$ 56.91 | 158.2524 | I | By Executive Deferred Compensation ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 553.18 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,427.244 | I | By Esop ⁽²⁾ |

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. 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option | \$ 52.3 | | | | | 02/21/2007 ⁽³⁾ 02/21/2016 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 50.15 | | | | | 05/04/2007 ⁽³⁾ 05/04/2016 | Common Stock | 8,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.09 | | | | | 05/03/2008 ⁽³⁾ 05/03/2017 | Common Stock | 9,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 50 | | | | | 05/01/2009 ⁽³⁾ 05/01/2018 | Common Stock | 11,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kennedy Daniel O 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615 | | | Vice President General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ Daniel O. Kennedy 02/17/2009

**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) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

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

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