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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Kennedy Daniel O			2. Issuer Name and 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	(energian applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE			05/07/2009	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				Vice President General Counsel		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
PEORIA, IL	61615			_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	-Derivative Securities	Acquired, Dispos	sed of, or Ben	eficially 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					1,487.435	D (1)	
Common Stock					1,434.3838	I	By Esop (2)
Common Stock					184.9672	I	By Executive Deferred Compensation

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. Transactio 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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option	\$ 46.9	05/07/2009		A	10,300	05/07/2010(3)	05/07/2017	Common Stock	10,300
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		Kelationships	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kennedy Daniel O

9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE Vice President General Counsel

PEORIA, IL 61615

Signatures

/s/ Daniel O.
Kennedy

**Signature of Reporting Person

O5/11/2009

Date

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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.

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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.

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