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FORM 4

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Form 5 obligations STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Kennedy Daniel O			Symbol RLI CORP [RLI]			Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2010			DirectorX Officer (girls below)	;	10% Owner Other (specify		
(Street) PEORIA, IL 61615			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivativ	e Secu	irities Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Benefi	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution D any (Month/Day.	ate, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit coor 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 Stock	05/17/2010			J(2)	32.096	A	\$ 56.082	2,470.31	D (1)	
Common Stock								1,937.5536	I	By Esop (3)
Common Stock								335.1533	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	1 3 4
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 52.3					02/21/2007(4)	02/21/2016	Common Stock	5,000	
Stock Option	\$ 50.15					05/04/2007(4)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	8,000	
Stock Option	\$ 56.09					05/03/2008(4)	05/03/2017	Common Stock	9,000	
Stock Option	\$ 50					05/01/2009(4)	05/01/2018	Common Stock	11,000	
Stock Option	\$ 46.9					05/07/2010(4)	05/07/2017	Common Stock	10,300	
Stock Option	\$ 56.34					05/06/2011(4)	05/06/2018	Common Stock	8,800	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	retutionships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Kennedy Daniel O 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615

Vice President General Counsel

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Signatures

/s/ Daniel O.	05/18/2010
Kennedy	03/16/2010

**Signature of Date
Reporting 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.

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