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FORM 4

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

Kennedy Daniel O

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

·		RLIC	RLI CORP [RLI]				(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/17/2008			Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President General Counsel				
PEORIA,	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) EORIA, IL 61615				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie of Disposed (Instr. 3, 4) Amount	d of (I))	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) By Executive	
Common Stock	10/17/2008		J(2)	14.3677	A	\$ 51.487	89.0879	I	Deferred Compensation (3)	
Common Stock							519.954	D (3)		
Common Stock							1,027.619	I	By Esop (4)	

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)			7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 52.3					02/21/2007(1)	02/21/2016	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 50.15					05/04/2007(1)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Option	\$ 56.09					05/03/2008(1)	05/03/2017	Common Stock	9,000
Stock Option	\$ 50					05/01/2009(1)	05/01/2018	Common Stock	11,000

Reporting Owners

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

Kennedy Daniel O

9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE Vice President General Counsel

PEORIA, IL 61615

Signatures

Reporting Person

/s/ Daniel O.
Kennedy

**Signature of 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).

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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.

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

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