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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]				ling	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Charle all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2009					(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President General Counsel		
(Street)			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		
PEORIA,	IL 61615							Person	y More than Or	ne Reporting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Ta	ble I - Non-De	erivative	Secu	ırities Ac	quired, Disposed	l of, or Benef	icially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution D any (Month/Day	Date, if	Transaction(A Code (In (Instr. 8)	Securitie A) or Disposit. 3, 4	osed	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	01/30/2009			J <u>(4)</u> 4.	.3135	A	\$ 57.06	119.9625	I	By Executive Deferred Compensation (1)
Common Stock								553.18	D (1)	
Common Stock								1,041.291	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)				7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	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		Ketationships	
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Deletionships

Kennedy Daniel O

9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE Vice President General Counsel

PEORIA, IL 61615

Signatures

/s/ Daniel O.
Kennedy

**Signature of Reporting Person

O2/02/2009

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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