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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MICHAEL JONATHAN E | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLI CORP [RLI] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|--|----------|----------|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE | | ORIVE | (Month/Day/Year) 05/15/2009 | _X Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| PEORIA, IL | 61615 | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac | quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Ta | able 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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or TransactionDisposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) Or Code V Amount (D) Price 3. A. Securities Acquired (A) or Securities Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) 168 236 2855 D (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Stock | 05/15/2009 | | $J_{\underline{(4)}}$ 131.119 A $_{45.7599}^{\varphi}$ 168,336.3855 D $_{\underline{(1)}}$ | |
| Common Stock | | | 65,062.2366 I | By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan (2) |
| Common Stock | | | 36,009.8127 I | By Key Employee Benefit Plan (1) |
| | | | 14,531.0239 I | By Trust (1) |

Common Stock

Common Stock $10{,}118 \qquad I \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{J.E.} \\ \text{Michael} \\ 2009 \\ \text{Grantor} \\ \text{Retained} \\ \text{Annuity} \\ \text{Trust Dtd} \\ 02{/}24{/}09 \end{array}$

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 Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. De Se (In |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Stock Option | \$ 20.05 | | | | | 05/03/2002 | 05/03/2011 | Common Stock | 1 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 29.335 | | | | | 05/02/2003 | 05/02/2012 | Common Stock | 60,000 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 29.55 | | | | | 05/01/2004 | 05/01/2013 | Common Stock | 60,000 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 35.08 | | | | | 05/06/2005 | 05/06/2014 | Common Stock | 60,000 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.54 | | | | | 05/05/2006 | 05/05/2015 | Common Stock | 45,000 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 50.15 | | | | | 05/04/2007(3) | 05/04/2016 | Common Stock | 10,500 | |
| | \$ 47.44 | | | | | 08/04/2007(3) | 08/04/2016 | | 10,500 | |

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| Stock Option | | | | Common Stock | |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Stock Option | \$ 54.04 | 11/03/2007(3) | 11/03/2016 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.21 | 02/02/2008(3) | 02/02/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.09 | 05/03/2008(3) | 05/03/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.67 | 08/03/2008(3) | 08/03/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.03 | 11/02/2008(3) | 11/02/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 55.41 | 02/01/2009(3) | 02/01/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 46.9 | 05/07/2010(3) | 05/07/2017 | Common Stock | 9,750 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.89 | 02/02/2010(3) | 02/02/2019 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.73 | 11/03/2009(3) | 11/03/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 54.36 | 08/01/2009(3) | 08/01/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 50 | 05/01/2009(3) | 05/01/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| MICHAEL JONATHAN E | | | | | | |
| 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE | X | | President | | | |
| PEORIA, IL 61615 | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan E.
Michael

**Signature of Reporting

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) Shares purchased through payroll deduction feature of the RLI Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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