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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kennedy Daniel O

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/01/2009

RLI CORP [RLI]

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

Vice President General Counsel

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE

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

Person

PEORIA, IL 61615

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Ta | ble I - Nor | n-Derivative Securities Ac | quired, Dispose | d of, or Benef | icially Owned |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securities Acquired | 5. Amount of | 6. | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | on(A) or Disposed of (D) | Securities | Ownership | Indirect Beneficial |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | Beneficially | Form: | Ownership |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | Owned | Direct (D) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Following | or Indirect | |
| | | | (A) | Reported | (I) | | |
| | | | | (A) | Transaction(s) | (Instr. 4) | |

Transaction(s) or Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

By Executive Deferred Common **J**(4) 4.8666 A 12/01/2009 255.7581 I Stock

Compensation (1)

Common Stock

 $D^{(1)}$ 1,600.095

Common Stock

1,449.9528

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) | 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 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 | \$ 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 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 46.9 | | | | | 05/07/2010(3) | 05/07/2017 | Common Stock | 10,300 | |

Reporting Owners

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

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

Vice President General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Daniel O. 12/01/2009 Kennedy

**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) 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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