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FORM 4

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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 * Kliethermes Craig W		rting Person *	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. LIN	DBERGH I	DRIVE	(Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2008	Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) VP, Actuarial RLI Insurance Co		
	(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				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	equired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

	(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivative	Secur	ities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
Se	Title of eccurity nstr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie onDisposed o (Instr. 3, 4	f (D)	uired (A) or	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)
	ommon tock					(2)	7 7.00	2,479.628 (1)	D	
	ommon tock							1,024.4459 (2)	I	By ESOP
	ommon tock	08/01/2008		J <u>(3)</u>	26.2393	A	\$ 54.5297	1,694.1741 (1)	I	By Executive Deferred Comp

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. 5. TransactionNumber		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities		8. Pri Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Secur (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 50					05/01/2009	05/01/2018	Common Stock	11,000	
Stock Option	\$ 50.15					05/04/2007	05/04/2016	Common Stock	5,000	
Stock Option	\$ 56.09					05/03/2008	05/03/2017	Common Stock	9,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kliethermes Craig W 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615

VP, Actuarial RLI Insurance Co

Signatures

CraigWKliethermes

08/04/2008

**Signature of Reporting
Person

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).
- (2) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (1) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

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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.

(3) The securities herein were allocated to my account pursuant to the RLI Corp. Executive Deferred Compensation Agreement.

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