

RLI CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
STONE MICHAEL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE  
(Street)

PEORIA, IL 61615

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
RLI CORP [RLI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/16/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President RLI Insurance Compan

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/11/2005                           |  | G                              | V 200 D \$ 45.15  | 13,692.6409 (1)   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/16/2005                           |  | J(2)                           | 91.761 A \$ 43.5917   | 13,784.4019 (1)   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 11,729.7091 (3)   | I  | By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 16,701.0096 (4)   | I  | By Trust                          |

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number 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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option                                     | \$ 15.9063   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/06/2000   | 05/06/2009  | Common Stock  | 30,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 9.4   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/13/1997   | 05/13/2006  | Common Stock  | 15,350                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 13  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/01/1998   | 05/01/2007  | Common Stock  | 10,500                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 15.7813   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/04/2001   | 05/04/2010  | Common Stock  | 28,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 20.05   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/03/2002   | 05/03/2011  | Common Stock  | 30,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 21.1  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/07/1999   | 05/07/2008  | Common Stock  | 13,838                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 29.335  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/02/2003   | 05/02/2012  | Common Stock  | 48,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 29.55   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/01/2004   | 05/01/2013  | Common Stock  | 40,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 35.08   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/06/2005   | 05/06/2014  | Common Stock  | 40,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 44.54   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/05/2006   | 05/05/2015  | Common Stock  | 30,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |         |                                |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|--------------------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                          |
| STONE MICHAEL J<br>9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE<br>PEORIA, IL 61615 |               |           |         | President RLI Insurance Compan |

## Signatures

Michael J Stone                      05/17/2005

\_\_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) Shares purchased through payroll deduction feature of the RLI Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (1) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (4) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (3) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.

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