

RLI CORP
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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 *
STEPHENS GERALD D

(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)
07/18/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | | |
| | | | | | (A) or (D) | | | | | |
| | | | | | Price | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/18/2007 | | M/K | | 77,762 (1) | A | \$ 21.1 | 1,220,909.1677 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/18/2007 | | F/K | | 47,284 (3) | D | \$ 60.19 | 1,173,625.1677 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 15,009.4559 (4) | I | By Executive Deferred Comp |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 72,369.8378 (5) | I | By Key Emp. Benefit Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 29,103.6853 (6) | I | By Trust for Grandchildren |

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|--------------|--------|---|---------------------|
| Common Stock | 2,492 | I | By Trust for Sister |
| Common Stock | 68,935 | I | By Wife |

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) | | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | 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 | 55,114 |
| Stock Option | \$ 15.7813 | | | | | 05/04/2001 | 05/04/2010 | Common Stock | 49,664 |
| Stock Option | \$ 20.05 | | | | | 05/03/2001 | 05/03/2011 | Common Stock | 1,440 |
| Stock Option | \$ 29.405 | | | | | 05/01/2003 | 05/01/2012 | Common Stock | 1,080 |
| Stock Option | \$ 29.55 | | | | | 05/01/2004 | 05/01/2013 | Common Stock | 720 |
| Stock Option | \$ 34.55 | | | | | 05/03/2005 | 05/03/2014 | Common Stock | 360 |
| Stock Option | \$ 40.39 | | | | | 02/02/2005 | 02/02/2014 | Common Stock | 360 |
| Stock Option | \$ 21.1 | 07/18/2007 | | M/K | 77,762 | 05/07/1999 | 05/07/2008 | Common Stock | 77,762 |

Reporting Owners

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

STEPHENS GERALD D
9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE X
PEORIA, IL 61615

Signatures

Gerald D
Stephens 07/20/2007

**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).
- (1) Transaction represents an exercise of options for 77,762 shares of common stock with a concurrent swap of 47,284 of such shares with the Company for payment of exercise price and related taxes.
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