

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 \*  
**MICHAEL JONATHAN E**

(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)  
05/15/2006

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)  
President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
Common Stock	05/15/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>	82.474	A	\$ 48.5	135,105.6197 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock							60,447.3916 <u>(3)</u>	I	By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan
Common Stock							34,200.1019 <u>(4)</u>	I	By Key Employee Benefit Plan
Common							13,800.6249	I	By Trust

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Stock

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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 Amount of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	
				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	6,290
Stock Option	\$ 15.7813					05/04/2001	05/04/2010	Common Stock	6,336
Stock Option	\$ 20.05					05/03/2002	05/03/2011	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option	\$ 21.1					05/07/1999	05/07/2008	Common Stock	9,355
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	05/04/2016	Common Stock	10,500

