

RLI CORP  
Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**STEPHENS GERALD D**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

**9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE**  
  
(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2008**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

**PEORIA, IL 61615**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Amount Price			
Common Stock	01/23/2008	Â	G	100 D \$ 55.24	1,018,170.8886	D (1)	Â
Common Stock	04/04/2008	Â	G	200 D \$ 50.96	1,037,170.9617	D (1)	Â
Common Stock	04/04/2008	Â	G	100 A \$ 50.96	29,837.2753	I	By Trust For Grandchildren (1)
Common Stock	06/17/2008	Â	G	100 D \$ 52.77	1,037,353.2752	D (1)	Â
	07/07/2008	Â	G	100 D \$ 47.7	1,037,253.2752	D (1)	Â

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Common Stock										
Common Stock	07/07/2008	Â	G	100	A	\$ 47.7	30,080.3091	I		By Trust For Grandchildren <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/05/2008	Â	G	300	D	\$ 54.72	1,037,259.7977	D <sup>(1)</sup>		Â
Common Stock	09/05/2008	Â	G	300	A	\$ 54.72	30,536.1282	I		By Trust For Grandchildren <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/10/2008	Â	G	100	D	\$ 58.67	1,110,964.1027	D <sup>(1)</sup>		Â
Common Stock	12/10/2008	Â	G	100	A	\$ 58.67	30,795.4486	I		By Trust For Grandchildren <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11,508.2939	I		By Executive Deferred Comp <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	49,220.8814	I		By Key Emp. Benefit Plan <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	2,492	I		By Trust For Sister
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	68,935	I		By Wife
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	110,585.4117	I		G.D. Stephens Grantor Retained Annuity Trust <sup>(1)</sup>

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I
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	Date	Expiration	Title	Amount
	Exercisable	Date		or
(A)	(D)			Number
				of
				Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STEPHENS GERALD D 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615	X	^	^	^

## Signatures

/s/ Gerald D.  
Stephens

01/29/2009

\_\_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) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

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