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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Robison John E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

RLI CORP [RLI]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

03/03/2009

below) below) Treasurer

9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

PEORIA, IL 61615

(City) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s)

1,829.3274

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 03/03/2009 Stock

P 100 Α \$ 47 1,551.4177

Common Stock

(Instr. 3)

D

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By Esop (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			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
Stock Option	\$ 36.52					12/31/2005	08/16/2014	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Option	\$ 44.54					12/31/2005	05/05/2015	Common Stock	3,500
Stock Option	\$ 50.15					05/04/2007(2)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.09					05/03/2008(2)	05/03/2017	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 50					05/01/2009(2)	05/01/2018	Common Stock	6,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Robison John E							
9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE			Treasurer				
PEORIA IL 61615							

Signatures

/s/ John E.
Robison

**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 shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and 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.

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