

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 \*  
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)  
 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount					
					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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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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- (4) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (3) 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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