

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 \*  
DONDANVILLE JOSEPH 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)  
12/30/2004

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)  
Senior Vice President/CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	15,556.015	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	46,362.9391 <u>(1)</u>	I	By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	8,162.1646 <u>(2)</u>	I	By Trust
Common Stock	12/30/2004		J <sup>(3)</sup>	V 200 D \$ 0 400		I	By wife, as Custodian

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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 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	21,000
Stock Option	\$ 13					05/01/1998	05/01/2007	Common Stock	10,750
Stock Option	\$ 15.7813					05/04/2001	05/04/2010	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option	\$ 20.05					05/03/2002	05/03/2011	Common Stock	22,000
Stock Option	\$ 21.1					05/07/1999	05/07/2008	Common Stock	18,752
Stock Option	\$ 29.335					05/02/2003	05/02/2012	Common Stock	32,000
Stock Option	\$ 29.55					05/01/2004	05/01/2013	Common Stock	28,000
Stock Option	\$ 35.08					05/06/2005	05/06/2014	Common Stock	28,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DONDANVILLE JOSEPH E 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE			Senior Vice President/CFO	

PEORIA, IL 61615

## Signatures

Joseph E

Dondanville

12/30/2004

\_\_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).
- (3) Daughter's legal residence is no longer Reporting Person's.
- (1) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (2) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

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