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By Key

Benefit Plan (1)

36,400.5364

14,688.6925

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Employee

By Trust (1)

Common Stock

			J.E.
			Michael
			2009
Common	10 110	т	Grantor
Stock	10,118	1	Retained
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			Trust Dtd
			02/24/09

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 29.335					05/02/2003	05/02/2012	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option	\$ 20.05					05/03/2002	05/03/2011	Common Stock	1
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(3)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	10,500
	\$ 47.44					08/04/2007(3)	08/04/2016		10,500

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Stock Option				Common Stock	
Stock Option	\$ 54.04	11/03/2007(3)	11/03/2016	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.21	02/02/2008(3)	02/02/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.09	05/03/2008(3)	05/03/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.67	08/03/2008(3)	08/03/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.03	11/02/2008(3)	11/02/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 55.41	02/01/2009(3)	02/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 50	05/01/2009(3)	05/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 54.36	08/01/2009(3)	08/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.73	11/03/2009(3)	11/03/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.89	02/02/2010(3)	02/02/2019	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 46.9	05/07/2010(3)	05/07/2017	Common Stock	9,750
Stock Option	\$ 50.49	08/03/2010(3)	08/03/2017	Common Stock	9,750
Stock Option	\$ 49.9	11/02/2010(3)	11/02/2017	Common Stock	9,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
Transfer of the same	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MICHAEL JONATHAN E 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615	X		President	

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan E. Michael	11/17/2009		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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- * 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.
- (2) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Shares purchased through payroll deduction feature of the RLI Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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