

RLI CORP  
Form 4  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MICHAEL JONATHAN 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)  
04/16/2012

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)  
President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/16/2012                           |  | J <sup>(2)</sup>               | 28.465 A \$ 70.2605   | 222,582.3127  | D <sup>(1)</sup>   |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 84,781.4753   | I  | By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan <sup>(3)</sup> |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 46,163.517  | I  | By Key Employee Benefit Plan <sup>(1)</sup>  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 18,628.1757   | I  | By Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                      |

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Common  
Stock

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Common  
Stock

8,790.3181 I

5,060 I

J.E.  
Michael  
2011  
Grantor  
Retained  
Annuity  
Trust Dtd  
08/02/11  
  
Michael  
Charitable  
Fund dtd  
08/30/11

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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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option                               | \$ 32.54<br><u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>                      |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable: 05/05/2006<br>Expiration Date: 05/05/2015 | Common Stock  | 45,000                        |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 38.15<br><u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>                      |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/04/2007 <sup>(6)</sup><br>05/04/2016                     | Common Stock  | 10,500                        |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 35.44<br><u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>                      |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/04/2007 <sup>(6)</sup><br>08/04/2016                     | Common Stock  | 10,500                        |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 42.04<br><u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>                      |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/03/2007 <sup>(6)</sup><br>11/03/2016                     | Common Stock  | 10,500                        |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 44.21<br><u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>                      |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/02/2008 <sup>(6)</sup><br>02/02/2017                     | Common Stock  | 10,500                        |

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|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------|--------|
| Stock Option | \$ 44.09<br><u>(4) (5)</u>           | 05/03/2008 <sup>(6)</sup> | 05/03/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.67<br><u>(4) (5)</u>           | 08/03/2008 <sup>(6)</sup> | 08/03/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.03<br><u>(4) (5)</u>           | 11/02/2008 <sup>(6)</sup> | 11/02/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 43.41<br><u>(4) (5)</u>           | 02/01/2009 <sup>(6)</sup> | 02/01/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 38 <sup>(4) (5)</sup>             | 05/01/2009 <sup>(6)</sup> | 05/01/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 42.36<br><u>(4) (5)</u>           | 08/01/2009 <sup>(6)</sup> | 08/01/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.73<br><u>(4) (5)</u>           | 11/03/2009 <sup>(6)</sup> | 11/03/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.89<br><u>(4) (5)</u>           | 02/02/2010 <sup>(6)</sup> | 02/02/2019 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 34.9 <sup>(4)</sup><br><u>(5)</u> | 05/07/2010 <sup>(6)</sup> | 05/07/2017 | Common Stock | 9,750  |
| Stock Option | \$ 38.49<br><u>(4) (5)</u>           | 08/03/2010 <sup>(6)</sup> | 08/03/2017 | Common Stock | 9,750  |
| Stock Option | \$ 37.9 <sup>(4)</sup><br><u>(5)</u> | 11/02/2010 <sup>(6)</sup> | 11/02/2017 | Common Stock | 9,750  |
| Stock Option | \$ 39.62<br><u>(4) (5)</u>           | 02/01/2011 <sup>(6)</sup> | 02/01/2018 | Common Stock | 9,750  |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.34<br><u>(4) (5)</u>           | 05/06/2011 <sup>(6)</sup> | 05/06/2018 | Common Stock | 8,500  |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.2 <sup>(4)</sup><br><u>(5)</u> | 08/02/2011 <sup>(6)</sup> | 08/02/2018 | Common Stock | 8,500  |
| Stock Option | \$ 45.26<br><u>(4) (5)</u>           | 11/01/2011 <sup>(6)</sup> | 11/01/2018 | Common Stock | 8,500  |
| Stock Option | \$ 50.28<br><u>(4)</u>               | 02/01/2012 <sup>(6)</sup> | 02/01/2019 | Common Stock | 8,500  |
| Stock Option | \$ 53.73<br><u>(4)</u>               | 05/05/2012 <sup>(6)</sup> | 05/05/2019 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 57.62<br><u>(4)</u>               | 08/01/2012 <sup>(6)</sup> | 08/01/2019 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 62.59<br><u>(4)</u>               | 11/01/2012 <sup>(6)</sup> | 11/01/2019 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 72.61                             | 02/01/2013 <sup>(6)</sup> | 02/01/2020 | Common Stock | 15,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other |
| MICHAEL JONATHAN E<br>9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE<br>PEORIA, IL 61615 | X             |           | President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jonathan E.  
Michael

04/17/2012

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.
- (2) Shares purchased through payroll deduction feature of the RLI Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (4) Stock Option grant price adjusted to reflect \$5 RLI extraordinary dividend declared 11/17/11.
- (5) Stock Option grant price adjusted to reflect \$7 RLI extraordinary dividend paid 12/29/10.
- (6) 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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