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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 *
 Robison John 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)
 02/16/2010

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)
 Treasurer

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/16/2010		J ⁽²⁾	V 447.373 A	\$ 51.095 2,339.1752	I	By Esop ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock					1,751.4177	D	

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. 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 ⁽³⁾ 05/04/2016	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.09					05/03/2008 ⁽³⁾ 05/03/2017	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 50					05/01/2009 ⁽³⁾ 05/01/2018	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Option	\$ 46.9					05/07/2010 ⁽³⁾ 05/07/2017	Common Stock	8,500

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ John E. Robison 02/22/2010

**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.
- (2) Transaction reflects 2009 ESOP contribution.
- (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.

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