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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DONDANVILLE JOSEPH E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLI CORP [RLI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE		RIVE	(Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2010	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President/CFO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec Applicable Line)			
PEORIA, IL 61615				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) coor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price			5. Amount of Securities Ownership Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect (Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/03/2010		M	16,000	A	\$ 29.335	92,510.015	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2010		F	10,990	D	\$ 54.34	81,520.015	D	
Common Stock							25,732.4049	I	By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan
Common Stock							8,909.232	I	By Trust (1)
							12,276	I	

By Wife in Common Stock Trust

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)	orDeri Secu Acq or D (D)	urities uired (A) isposed of ex. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option	\$ 29.335	03/03/2010		M		16,000	05/02/2003	05/02/2012	Common Stock	16,000
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
Stock Option	\$ 44.54						05/05/2006	05/05/2015	Common Stock	21,000
Stock Option	\$ 50.15						05/04/2007(2)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	17,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.09						05/03/2008(2)	05/03/2017	Common Stock	18,000
Stock Option	\$ 50						05/01/2009(2)	05/01/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 54.36						08/01/2009(2)	08/01/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 56.73						11/03/2009(2)	11/03/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 56.89						02/02/2010(2)	02/02/2019	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 46.9						05/07/2010(2)	05/07/2017	Common Stock	4,700

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Stock Option	\$ 50.49	08/03/2010(2)	08/03/2017	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Option	\$ 49.9	11/02/2010(2)	11/02/2017	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Option	\$ 51.62	02/01/2011(2)	02/01/2018	Common Stock	4,700

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DONDANVILLE JOSEPH E 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615

Senior Vice President/CFO

Signatures

/s/ Joseph E. 03/03/2010 Dondanville

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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.
- 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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