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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Kliethermes Craig W Issuer Symbol RLI CORP [RLI] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner __X__ Other (specify Officer (give title 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE 11/14/2008 below) below) VP, Actuarial RLI Insurance Co (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **PEORIA, IL 61615** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price By Common 1,889.6916 Executive J(1)11/14/2008 25.4193 Stock 56.59 Deferred Comp Common 2,491.456 (2) D Stock Common 1,029.3769 Ι By Esop

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	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	5. orNumber	s I		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)				Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					Secur (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 50.15					05/04/2007	05/04/2016	Common Stock	5,000	
Stock Option	\$ 56.09					05/03/2008	05/03/2017	Common Stock	9,000	
Stock Option	\$ 50					05/01/2009	05/01/2018	Common Stock	11,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kliethermes Craig W 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615

VP, Actuarial RLI Insurance Co

Signatures

/s/ Craig W. Kliethermes

**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) The securities herein were allocated to my account pursuant to the RLI Corp. Executive Deferred Compensation Agreement.
- (2) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

(3)

Reporting Owners 2

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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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