

RLI CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
VIETS ROBERT O

(Last) (First) (Middle)
401 WATER STREET, UNIT 404
(Street)
PEORIA, IL 61602
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RLI CORP [RLI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/31/2011

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | 01/31/2011 | | A | V Amount (A) or (D) Price 333 A \$ 53.37 | 13,275.9471 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | 01/31/2011 | | P | 37 A \$ 54.23 | 13,312.9471 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | 01/31/2011 | | P | 72 A \$ 54.27 | 13,674.5441 | I | R.O. Viets 2009 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust dtd 11/24/09 |
| | | | | | 41,148.2895 | I | By Trust ⁽¹⁾ |

Common
Stock

Common
Stock

17,974 I

R.O.Viets
2010
Grantor
Retained
Annuity
Trust dtd
12/06/10

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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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 33.39 (2) | | | | | 02/02/2004 | 02/02/2014 | Common Stock | 3,600 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VIETS ROBERT O 401 WATER STREET UNIT 404 PEORIA, IL 61602 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Robert O.
Viets

01/31/2011

__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) Stock Option grant price adjusted to reflect \$7 RLI extraordinary dividend paid 12/29/10.

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