

RLI CORP  
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**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 \*  
**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)  
01/27/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  
01/28/2011

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                    | 01/27/2011                           |  | P                              | 1,477 A   | \$ 54.5 13,602.5441   | I  | R.O. Viets<br>2009<br>Grantor<br>Retained<br>Annuity<br>Trust dtd<br>11/24/09 |
| Common Stock                    | 01/28/2011                           |  | A                              | 327 A   | \$ 54.38 12,142.9471  | D <sup>(2)</sup>   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2011                           |  | P                              | 800 A   | \$ 54.5 12,942.9471   | D <sup>(2)</sup>   |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 41,148.2895   | I  | By Trust <sup>(2)</sup>   |

Common  
Stock

Common  
Stock

17,974 I

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

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. 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<br>(1)  |                                      |  |                                |   | 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<br>401 WATER STREET<br>UNIT 404<br>PEORIA, IL 61602 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Robert O.  
Viets

01/28/2011

\_\_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) Stock Option grant price adjusted to reflect \$7 RLI extraordinary dividend paid 12/29/10.
  - (2) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

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