

Diefenthaler Aaron Paul
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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 *
 Diefenthaler Aaron Paul

(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)
 05/11/2018

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)
 VP, CIO, 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/11/2018 | | M | 6,400 A \$ 29.42 | 19,127.2849 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | 05/11/2018 | | F | 4,399 D \$ 67.07 | 14,728.2849 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,234.8618 | I ⁽¹⁾ | By Executive Deferred Compensation |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,683.6894 | I ⁽²⁾ | Employee Stock Ownership Plan - ESOP |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option | \$ 29.42 (3) (4) (5) (6) | 05/11/2018 | | M | 6,400 | 05/02/2014 ⁽⁷⁾ 05/02/2021 | Common Stock | 6,400 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Diefenthaler Aaron Paul 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615 | | | VP, CIO, Treasurer | |

Signatures

/s/ Aaron Paul
Diefenthaler
05/14/2018

**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) Balance reflects annual company contributions and dividend reinvestment.
- (3) Stock option grant price adjusted to reflect \$2.00 extraordinary dividend declared 11-12-15.
- (4) Stock option grant price adjusted to reflect \$3.00 extraordinary dividend declared 11/13/14.

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- (5) Stock option grant price adjusted to reflect \$3.00 extraordinary dividend declared 11/14/13.
- (6) Stock option grant price and number of stock options adjusted to reflect 2-for-1 stock split on 01/15/14.
- (7) 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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