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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 *
BAILY JOHN THOMAS

(Last) (First) (Middle)
14 SALISBURY WAY
(Street)
FARMINGTON, CT 06032
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2004

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)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/24/2004		J ⁽¹⁾	V 1,000 D \$ 0	397.401	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		A ⁽²⁾	367 A \$ 40.8	764.401	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		J ⁽³⁾	397.5925 A \$ 40.3218	1,465.5038 ⁽⁴⁾	I	By Trust
Common Stock	11/24/2004		J ⁽¹⁾	V 1,000 A \$ 0	2,000	I	By Wife

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. Priority of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option	\$ 32.95					08/28/2004 08/28/2013	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option	\$ 40.39					02/02/2005 02/02/2014	Common Stock	1,233

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BAILY JOHN THOMAS 14 SALISBURY WAY FARMINGTON, CT 06032		X		

Signatures

John T Baily 12/22/2004
 **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) Shares were erroneously posted to Mr. Baily's direct account; should have been posted to Wife's account.
- (4) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (2) Issued pursuant to the RLI Corp. Nonemployee Directors' Stock Plan
- (3) The securities herein were allocated to my account pursuant to the RLI Corp. Directors' Irrevocable Trust Agreement.

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