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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LENROW GERALD I			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLI CORP [RLI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)	ррисаотс	
4052 MANSION DRIVE NW		NW	(Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2004	X Director 10% Or Officer (give title below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Perso		
WASHINGTON, DC 20007				Form filed by More than One Report		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non	-Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acquire	d, 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities on Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and Amount	(D)	red (A) or	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	12/21/2004		A(1)	367	A	\$ 40.8	3,785.207	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		J(2)	430.4478	A	\$ 40.3218	34,717.0012 (3)	I	By Directors' Irrev. Trust
Common							016 925	ī	By Trust

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Dr.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Prio Deriv Secur (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 9.15					<u>(4)</u>	05/02/2006	Common Stock	2,400	
Stock Option	\$ 13.95					02/03/1998	02/03/2007	Common Stock	1,500	
Stock Option	\$ 16.5938					02/01/2000	02/01/2009	Common Stock	3,000	
Stock Option	\$ 19.6					02/02/1999	02/02/2008	Common Stock	1,500	
Stock Option	\$ 22.7					02/01/2002	02/01/2011	Common Stock	3,600	
Stock Option	\$ 22.75					02/01/2003	02/01/2012	Common Stock	1,800	
Stock Option	\$ 27.51					02/03/2004	02/03/2013	Common Stock	1,800	
Stock Option	\$ 40.39					02/02/2005	02/02/2014	Common Stock	3,600	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other				
LENROW GERALD I	X						
4052 MANSION DRIVE NW							

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Signatures

Gerald I Lenrow 12/22/2004

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (3) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (1) Issued pursuant to the RLI Corp. Nonemployee Directors' Stock Plan
- (4) 05/02/1997
- (2) The securities herein were allocated to my account pursuant to the RLI Corp. Directors' Irrevocable Trust Agreement.

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