

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)  
11305 NORTH PAWNEE ROAD  
(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)  
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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/21/2004		A <sup>(1)</sup>	367 A \$ 40.8	2,326.401	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		J <sup>(2)</sup>	395.5961 A \$ 40.3218	28,950.6236 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Trust
Common Stock					17,400	I	K. Viets, Trustee of ROV Florida Intangible Trust
Common Stock					4,100.947 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	ROV IRA Rollover

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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. 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	\$ 9.15					05/02/1997	05/02/2006	Common Stock	3,500
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					02/01/2001	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					02/03/2003	02/03/2013	Common Stock	1,800
Stock Option	\$ 40.39					02/02/2004	02/02/2014	Common Stock	3,600

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
	X			

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PEORIA, IL 61615

## Signatures

Robert O Viets                      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).
- (3) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (4) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (1) Issued pursuant to the RLI Corp. Nonemployee Directors' Stock Plan
- (2) The securities herein were allocated to my account pursuant to the RLI Corp. Directors' Irrevocable Trust Agreement.

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