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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Re HENSEY CAMILLE		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	(
9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE		(Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2004	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) V.P./Corporate Secretary			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
PEORIA, IL 61615		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securit Transaction(A) or Dis Code (Instr. 3, 4 (Instr. 8)		(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		Code V M/K	Amount 275	(D)	\$ 8.24	15,190.311 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		F/K	57	D	\$ 40.34	15,133.311 (1)	D	
Common Stock							14,170.5378 (2)	I	By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan
Common Stock							436.1366 (3)	I	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. F Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option	\$ 15.9063					05/06/2000	05/06/2009	Common Stock	4,600	
Stock Option	\$ 9.15					05/02/1997	05/02/2006	Common Stock	1,600	
Stock Option	\$ 13					05/01/1998	05/01/2007	Common Stock	2,083	
Stock Option	\$ 15.7813					05/04/2001	05/04/2010	Common Stock	5,000	
Stock Option	\$ 20.05					05/03/2002	05/03/2011	Common Stock	5,000	
Stock Option	\$ 21.1					05/07/1999	05/07/2008	Common Stock	1,250	
Stock Option	\$ 29.335					05/02/2003	05/02/2012	Common Stock	5,000	
Stock Option	\$ 29.55					05/01/2004	05/01/2013	Common Stock	4,000	
Stock Option	\$ 35.08					05/06/2005	05/06/2014	Common Stock	4,000	
Stock Option	\$ 8.24	12/21/2004		M/K	275	05/11/1996	05/11/2005	Common Stock	275	\$

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HENSEY CAMILLE J

9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE V.P./Corporate Secretary

PEORIA, IL 61615

Signatures

Camille J Hensey 12/23/2004

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- (2) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (4) Options balance adjusted to reflect 2 additional options received pursuant to the 1995 and 1998 stock splits.
- (3) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (1) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

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