**RLI CORP** Form 4 December 31, 2008

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Stock

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Common

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STEPHENS GERALD D				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol RLI CORP [RLI]					ing	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3 Date	of Earli	est T	Fransaction	1		(Check	ан аррисавіе	)		
9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE				(Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2008						_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
		(Street)					Date Origin	al		6. Individual or Join	t/Group Filin	g(Check		
	PEORIA,	IL 61615		Filed(M	onth/Da	y/Ye	ar)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Form filed by Money Person				
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ble I - N	lon-	Derivative	Secu	rities Ac	quired, Disposed of, o	or Beneficial	ly Owned		
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securit n(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	posed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
	Common Stock	12/30/2008			G	V	17,000	D	\$ 60.14	1,068,626.1027	D (1)			
	Common Stock									11,508.2939	I	By Executive Deferred Comp (1)		
	Common Stock									49,220.8814	I	By Key Emp. Benefit Plan (1)		
	Common									20 705 1186	T	By Trust For		

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Common Stock	68,935	I	By Wife
Common Stock	152,923.4117	I	G.D. Stephens Grantor Retained Annuity Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	<b>.</b>	ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<b></b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
STEPHENS GERALD D 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615	X						

### **Signatures**

/s/ Gerald D. Stephens 12/31/2008

\*\*Signature of Date Reporting Person

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## **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.

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