

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

December 11, 2010

Joseph E. Dondanville Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer RLI Corp. 9025 North Lindbergh Drive Peroia, IL 61615

Re: RLI Corp.

Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

Filed February 24, 2010

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Form 10-Q for the Period Ended March 31, 2010

Filed April 26, 2010

Form 10-Q for the Period Ended June 30, 2010

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Dear Mr. Dondanville:

We have completed our review of your filings and do not have any further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Joel Parker

Accounting Branch Chief