

LINCOLN NATIONAL 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 *
 JOHNSON ERIC G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP
 [LNC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)

150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD

03/10/2017

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RADNOR, PA 19087

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	Price			
Common Stock	03/10/2017		M		2,653	A \$ 25.78	9,254	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2017		M		2,960	A \$ 30.64	12,214	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2017		M		5,114	A \$ 24.99	17,328	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2017		M		5,872	A \$ 29.54	23,200	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2017		S		16,599	D \$ 69.1794	6,601	D	

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.78	03/10/2017		M	2,653	02/22/2011 02/22/2020	Common Stock	2,653	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.64	03/10/2017		M	30.64	02/23/2012 02/23/2022	Common Stock	2,960	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.99	03/10/2017		M	5,114	02/22/2013 02/22/2022	Common Stock	5,114	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.54	03/10/2017		M	5,872	02/28/2014 02/28/2023	Common Stock	5,872	

Reporting Owners

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

JOHNSON ERIC G
150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD
RADNOR, PA 19087

Signatures

/s/ Nancy A. Smith,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/13/2017

__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).

(1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$68.98 to \$69.51, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Lincoln National Corporation, any security holder of Lincoln National Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote 1 to this Form.

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