

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 *
 SCHOFF DENNIS L

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)
 CENTRE SQUARE-WEST
 TOWER, 1500 MARKET ST.,
 SUITE 3900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/09/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & General Counsel

(Street)
 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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)
Common Stock	03/09/2006		A	(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price A 20,948 (1)	28,033.87 (3)	D	
Common Stock					4,645.48 (4)	I	By 401(K)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.11 (2)	03/09/2006		A	35,793	03/09/2006	03/13/2013	Common Stock	35,793

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHOFF DENNIS L CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102			SVP & General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ C. Suzanne Womack,
Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 03/13/2006

**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) Represents settlement of long-term incentive awards for the 2003-2005 performance cycle, which were granted on March 13, 2003. The amount of the award was originally dollar denominated and was conditioned upon the satisfaction of issuer performance measures over the performance cycle. The performance measures for 2003-2005 were satisfied.
 - (2) Represents the Fair Market Value of the issuer's common stock on March 13, 2003 at \$25.11.
 - (3) Includes 115.39 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.
 - (4) Represents routine transactions in the Company's 401(k) Plan from 6/2/05 to 3/1/06.

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