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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXC							NGE C	COMMISSION	OMB APPROVAL		
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1(b). (Print or Type R	esponses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Cooper Ellen			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) 02/24/2016					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & CIO			
				Amendment, Date Original Month/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 			
		(Zin)						Person			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Title of ecurity2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date, if			e I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	
Common Stock	02/24/2016			Code V A	Amount 19,346	(A) or (D) A	Price \$ 0	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 66,671.16 (2)	D		
Common Stock	02/24/2016			F	5,929 (3)	D	\$ 35.5	60,742.16	D		
Common Stock	02/24/2016			А	10,327 (4)	А	\$0	71,069.16	D		

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)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.5	02/24/2016		A	38,891	02/24/2017 <u>(5)</u>	02/24/2026	Common Stock	38,8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Reporting O when Funct, Function	Director	10% Owner	onships Officer EVP & CIO	Other		
Cooper Ellen 150 N. RADNOR CHESTER ROAD RADNOR, PA 19087			EVP & CIO			
Signatures						
/s/ Charles A. Brawley, Attorney-in-Fact	02	2/26/2016				
**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 performance share incentive awards for the 2013-2015 performance cycle.
- (2) Includes 175.76 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.
- (3) Tax withholding upon vesting of performance shares.
- (4) Grant of restricted stock units representing a contingent right to receive shares of LNC common Stock. The restricted stock units vest on February 24, 2018.
- (5) The option vests in three equal annual installments on February 24, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

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