

BELL THOMAS D JR  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 BELL THOMAS D JR

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)  
 05/12/2005

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

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

(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

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/12/2005		M		3,166.8 A \$ 0	15,643.56	D
Common Stock	05/12/2005		D		3,166.8 D \$ 43.45	12,476.76	D
Common Stock	05/12/2005		M		4,037.44 A \$ 0	16,514.2	D
Common Stock	05/12/2005		D		4,037.44 D \$ 43.45	12,476.76	D
	05/12/2005		A		212.45 A	12,689.21	D

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Common Stock \$ 43.45

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 Number Shares
Phantom Stock (DVSP Service)	Ⓛ	05/12/2005		M	3,166.8	05/12/2005 05/12/2005	Common Stock 3,166.8
Phantom Stock (DVSP Incentive)	Ⓛ	05/12/2005		M	4,037.44	05/12/2005 05/12/2005	Common Stock 4,037.44

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BELL THOMAS D JR CENTRE SQUARE WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102	X			

**Signatures**

Dennis L. Schoff,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
05/16/2005  
Date

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

## 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).

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