

KOWALCZYK BARBARA S
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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 *
KOWALCZYK BARBARA S

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)
02/22/2006

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
SVP CP&D

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
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-------------------------|---|-----------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2006 | | M | | 13,000 | A | \$ 29.47 | 70,832.39 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2006 | | F | | 8,747 | D | \$ 56.53 | 62,085.39 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 10,519.3 ⁽¹⁾ | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 29.47 | 02/22/2006 | | M | 13,000 | 05/14/1998 ⁽²⁾ 05/14/2007 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽³⁾ | \$ 56.53 | 02/22/2006 | | A | 6,777 | 04/14/2007 05/14/2007 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KOWALCZYK BARBARA S CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102 | | | SVP CP&D | |

Signatures

/s/ Dennis L. Schoff,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/23/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Represents routine transactions in the Company's 401(k) Plan from 7/7/05 to 2/1/06.
- (2) The option is exercisable in four equal annual installments, which began on 5/14/1998.
- (3) Reload option grant.

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