

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 BOSCIA JON A

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)
 04/10/2006

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--------------------------|---|-----------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/10/2006 | | M | V | 15,152 | A | \$ 53.91 | 243,060.09 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/10/2006 | | F | | 14,625 | D | \$ 57.19 | 228,435.09 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 47,804 | I | By Spouse |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 21,770.91 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By 401(k) |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 53.91 | 04/10/2006 | | M | 15,152 | 04/08/2006 05/08/2006 | Common Stock 15 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 57.19 | 04/10/2006 | | A | 14,282 | 04/10/2006 05/08/2006 | Common Stock 14 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BOSCIA JON A CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102 | X | | Chairman & CEO | |

Signatures

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

04/11/2006

**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 routine transactions in the Company's 401(k) Plan from 3/2/06 to 4/3/06.

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(2) Reload option grant.

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