

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 *
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)
150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/07/2008

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

RADNOR, PA 19087

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/07/2008 | | A | 4,803 (1) A \$ 0 | 60,723.74 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/07/2008 | | F | 1,565 D \$ 52 | 59,158.74 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,102.38 (3) | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 46.77 ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/07/2008 | | A | 17,920 | 02/07/2008 03/10/2015 | Common Stock | 17,9 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 52.76 | 02/07/2008 | | A | 60,457 | 02/07/2009 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/07/2018 | Common Stock | 60,4 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHOFF DENNIS L 150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD RADNOR, PA 19087 | | | SVP & General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/Charles A. Brawley, III,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/11/2008

__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 2005-2007 performance cycle.
- (2) Includes 379.01 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.
- (3) Represents routine transactions in the Company's 401(k) Plan from 9/1/07 to 2/1/08.
- (4)

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On March 10, 2005, the reporting person was granted this option relating to the 2005-2007 performance cycle, which vested only upon the satisfaction of certain performance criteria. The performance criteria for the period were met. Represents the Fair Market Value (as defined under the Company's Incentive Compensation Plan) of the issuer's common stock on the grant date.

(5) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 7, 2009.

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