

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**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

**PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP  
 [LNC]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/22/2007**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
Common Stock	02/22/2007		A	(A) or (D) V Amount Price 17,863 (1)	\$ 0 47,938.87	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2007		F	7,617	\$ 0 40,321.87 (2)	D	
Common Stock					4,943.68 (3)	I	By 401(k)

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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)	\$ 47.58 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/22/2007		A	27,408	02/22/2007 03/11/2014	Common Stock	27,408
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 70.66	02/22/2007		A	34,280	02/22/2008 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/22/2017	Common Stock	34,280

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHOFF DENNIS L CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102			SVP & General Counsel	

## Signatures

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

02/26/2007

\_\_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 2004-2006 performance cycle.
- (2) Includes 87.27 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.

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(3) Represents routine transactions in the Company's 401(k) Plan from 12/1/06 to 2/1/07.

On March 11, 2004, the reporting person was granted this option relating to the 2004-2006 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 22, 2008.

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