LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

Form 4

Stock

November 10, 2015

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| UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND Washington, D.C | | | | | | | OMMISSION | OMB Number: | 3235-0287 | | |
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| subject to Section Form 4 | 16. or | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP (SECURITIES | | | | | | Estimated a burden hou response | verage | | |
| Form 5 obligation may con See Institution 1(b). | ons Section 170 | rsuant to Sectio (a) of the Public 30(h) of the | Utility Hol | lding Co | mpar | ny Act of 1 | 1935 or Section | | | | |
| (Print or Type | Responses) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Freitag Randal J | | | Symbol | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | |
| | | | LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP [LNC] | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/06/2015 | | | | pelow) | irector 10% Owner fficer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & CFO | | | |
| | Amendment, Date Original | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | able I - Non- | Derivativ | e Secu | | ired, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | ly Owned | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, any (Month/Day/Yea | Code | | sed of | | 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) | | |
| Common Stock | 11/06/2015 | | Code V M | Amount 8,065 | | Price \$ 16.24 | 90,764.23 (1) | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/06/2015 | | S | 8,065 | D | \$ 56.9754 | 82,699.23 | D | | | |
| Common | | | | | | | 665.03 ⁽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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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number op f 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 or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.24 | 11/06/2015 | | M | 8,065 | 05/14/2010 | 05/14/2019 | Common Stock | 8,065 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Freitag Randal J

150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD RADNOR, PA 19087

EVP & CFO

Signatures

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

11/10/2015

**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) Includes 323.03 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$56.972 to \$56.992, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Lincoln National Corporation, any security holder of Lincoln National Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote 2 to this Form.
- (3) Represents routine transactions in the Company's 401(k) Plan from 3/1/2015 to 11/1/2015.

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