LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Freitag Randal J Issuer Symbol LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP (Check all applicable) [LNC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD 02/24/2016 EVP & CFO

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

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(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired tion(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		of (D) 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)
Common Stock	02/24/2016		Code V A	Amount 32,694 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0	115,808.04	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2016		F	11,047 (2)	D	\$ 35.5	104,761.04	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2016		A	15,999 (3)	A	\$0	120,760.04	D	

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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 of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ivative Expiration Date urities (Month/Day/Year) uired (A) Disposed of tr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitic (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.5	02/24/2016		A	60,254	02/24/2017(4)	02/24/2026	Common Stock	60,2

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

02/26/2016

**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 performance share incentive awards for the 2013-2015 performance cycle.
- (2) Tax withholding upon vesting of performance shares.
- (3) Grant of restricted stock units representing a contingent right to receive shares of LNC common Stock. The restricted stock units vest on February 24, 2018.
- (4) The option vests in three equal annual installments on February 24, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

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