LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Freitag Randal J

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)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

10% Owner _ Other (specify

below)

Officer (give title

150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD 02/13/2017

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

EVP & CFO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

RADNOR, PA 19087

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/13/2017		M	4,373	A	\$ 70.66	120,290.74	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2017		S	4,373	D	\$ 71.0683	115,917.74	D	
Common Stock							684.94	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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	\$ 70.66	02/13/2017		M	4,373	(2)	02/22/2017	Common Stock	4,373

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EVP & CFO

Freitag Randal J

150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD

RADNOR, PA 19087

Signatures

/s/ Nancy A. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact 02/15/2017

**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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$71.063 to \$71.093, 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 1 to this Form.
- (2) The option vested in three equal installments on February 22, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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