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Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

 Name and Address of Reporting Buckingham Lisa 	g Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
		LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP LNC]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) 150 N. RADNOR-CHESTE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2018	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) below) EVP & CHRO			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
RADNOR, PA 19087			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price				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	03/12/2018		M	12,996	A	\$ 29.54	77,135.23	D		
Common Stock	03/12/2018		S	24,537	D	\$ 78.3906 (1)	52,598.23	D		

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of tiorDerivative 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 Underlying Securition (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.54	03/12/2018		M		12,966	02/28/2014(2)	02/28/2023	Common Stock	12,9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Buckingham Lisa

150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD EVP & CHRO

RADNOR, PA 19087

Signatures

/s/ Nancy A. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact 03/13/2018

**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 \$78.30 to \$78.51, 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 28, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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