

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP
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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 *
 THOMPSON WESTLEY V

(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)
 03/09/2006

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)
 President & CEO-LFD

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/09/2006		A	(A) or (D) Amount 17,016 (1)	(2) 68,045.01 (3)	D	
Common Stock					750.18 (4)	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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.11 (2)	03/09/2006		A	29,075	03/09/2006 03/13/2013	Common Stock 29,075

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

THOMPSON WESTLEY V
CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER
1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

President & CEO-LFD

Signatures

/s/ Dennis L. Schoff,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/13/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Represents settlement of long-term incentive awards for the 2003-2005 performance cycle, which were granted on March 13, 2003. The

- (1) amount of the award was originally dollar denominated and was conditioned upon the satisfaction of issuer performance measures over the performance cycle. The performance measures for 2003-2005 were satisfied.
- (2) Represents the Fair Market Value of the issuer's common stock on March 13, 2003 at \$25.11.
- (3) Includes 118.18 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.
- (4) Represents routine transactions in the Company's 401(k) Plan from 12/9/05 to 3/1/06.

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