LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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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 02/25/2015 EVP & CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

RADNOR, PA 19087

Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) 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)	Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or			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	02/25/2015		Code V M	Amount 9,270	(D)	Price \$ 53.6035	63,473.2	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2015		S	9,270	D	\$ 58.168 (1)	53,753.2	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2015		A	45,117	A	\$ 0	98,870.2	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2015		F	16,494	D	\$ 58.26	82,376.2	D	
Common Stock							657.19	I	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Expi		Expiration D	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 53.6035	02/25/2015		M		9,270	<u>(2)</u>	02/12/2016	Common Stock	9,27	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 58.26	02/25/2015		A	37,751		(3)	02/25/2025	Common Stock	37,7:	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Freitag Randal J

150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD **EVP & CFO**

RADNOR, PA 19087

Signatures

/s/ Charles A. Brawley, III, 02/27/2015 Attorney-in-Fact

> **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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$58.03 to \$58.27, 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

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at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote 1 to this Form.

- (2) The option vested ratably over 3 years beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (3) The option vests ratably over 3 years beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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