

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**PONDER RON 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) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/03/2006**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**CENTRE SQUARE-WEST  
 TOWER, 1500 MARKET ST.,  
 SUITE 3900**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102**

(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)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	04/03/2006	04/06/2006	M		2,850.29	A	\$ 0	11,042.97	D
Common Stock	04/03/2006	04/06/2006	D		2,850.29	D	\$ 53.93	8,192.68	D
Common Stock	04/03/2006	04/06/2006	M		3,066.2	A	\$ 0	11,258.88	D
Common Stock	04/03/2006	04/06/2006	D		3,066.2	D	\$ 53.93	8,192.68	D
	04/03/2006	04/06/2006	M		3,900.63	A	\$ 0	12,093.31	D

Common  
Stock

Common Stock    04/03/2006    04/06/2006    D    3,900.63    D    \$ 53.93    8,192.68    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. 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)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Phantom Stock (DVSP Service)	<u>(1)</u>	04/03/2006	04/06/2006	M	2,850.29	04/03/2006	04/06/2006	Common Stock	2,850
Phantom Stock (DVSP Incentive)	<u>(1)</u>	04/03/2006	04/06/2006	M	3,066.2	04/03/2006	04/03/2006	Common Stock	3,066
Phantom Stock (Deferral of Retainer)	<u>(1)</u>	04/03/2006	04/06/2006	M	3,900.63	04/03/2006	04/03/2006	Common Stock	3,900

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PONDER RON J CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102	X			

## Signatures

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

04/10/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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