

GOTTA JOHN  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
GOTTA JOHN

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)  
03/31/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & CEO-LNL

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |

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)**

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| 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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock <u>(1)</u>                   | <u>(2)</u>   | 03/31/2004                           |  | A                              |   | <u>(3)</u>   | <u>(3)</u>  | Common Stock | 1,034.95                   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer       | Other |
| GOTTA JOHN<br>CENTRE SQUARE WEST TOWER<br>1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900<br>PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102 |               |           | EVP & CEO-LNL |       |

## Signatures

/S/ C. Suzanne Womack  
01/27/2005  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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).
- This Phantom Stock was awarded pursuant to a discretionary match under the LNC Executive Deferred Compensation Plan for
- (1) Employees ("Plan") and is only payable in Common Stock of the company. The reporting person began reporting Phantom Stock payable in Common Stock in Table I for transactions occurring after 12/13/04.
  - (2) 1-For-1
  - (3) The shares of Phantom Stock become payable at a fixed date elected in advance by the reporting person or at retirement.
  - (4) Includes shares received pursuant to dividend reinvestment under the Plan.

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