

BOSCIA JON A
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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 *
BOSCIA JON A

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)
01/05/2006

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

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 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	01/05/2006		M	V 36,000 A \$ 22.69	191,755.3	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2006		F	V 21,624 D \$ 53.91	170,131.3	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2006		G ⁽⁴⁾	V 14,376 D \$ 0	155,755.3	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2006		G ⁽⁴⁾	V 14,376 A \$ 0	47,804	I	By Spouse
					61,647.78 ⁽¹⁾	I	By 401(k)

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Common
Stock

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.69	01/05/2006		M	36,000	05/08/1997 ⁽²⁾ 05/08/2006	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽³⁾	\$ 53.91	01/05/2006		A	15,152	04/08/2006 05/08/2006	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOSCIA JON A CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102	X		Chairman & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ C. Suzanne Womack,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/06/2006

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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(1) Represents routine transactions in the Company's 401(k) Plan from 6/1/05 to 12/1/05.

(2) The option is exercisable in four equal annual installments, which began on 5/8/1997.

(3) Reload option grant.

(4) This transaction involved a gift of securities by the reporting person to his spouse.

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