

BELL THOMAS D JR
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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 *
 BELL THOMAS D JR

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)
 05/12/2005

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
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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	05/12/2005		M		3,166.8	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	05/12/2005		D		3,166.8	D	\$ 43.45
Common Stock	05/12/2005		M		4,037.44	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	05/12/2005		D		4,037.44	D	\$ 43.45
	05/12/2005		A		212.45	A	
							15,643.56
							12,476.76
							16,514.2
							12,476.76
							12,689.21

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Common Stock \$ 43.45

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Phantom Stock (DVSP Service)	Ⓛ	05/12/2005		M	3,166.8	05/12/2005 05/12/2005	Common Stock 3,166
Phantom Stock (DVSP Incentive)	Ⓛ	05/12/2005		M	4,037.44	05/12/2005 05/12/2005	Common Stock 4,037

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BELL THOMAS D JR
CENTRE SQUARE WEST TOWER
1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

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Signatures

Dennis L. Schoff,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/16/2005

__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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