LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock

12/14/2016

(Print or Type Responses)

may continue.

See Instruction

1. Name and a PAYNE W	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP [LNC]					····b	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2016					Director 10% Owner Other (specify below)			
				Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
RADNOR, PA 19087									Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - No	n-l	Derivative	Secur	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/D	Date, if	3. Transac Code (Instr. 8	8)	4. Securiti omr Dispose (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of (D)	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	12/14/2016			M		5,112	A	\$ 24.99	27,622.33 (1)	D		
Common Stock	12/14/2016			M		5,872	A	\$ 29.54	33,494.33	D		
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10,986 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.99	12/14/2016		M		5,114	02/22/2013	02/22/2022	Common Stock	5,114
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.54	12/14/2016		M		5,872	02/28/2014	02/28/2023	Common Stock	5,872

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PAYNE WILLIAM PORTER 150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD RADNOR, PA 19087

Signatures

/s/ Nancy A. Smith, 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) Includes 248.36 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.

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The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$65.95 to \$66.13, 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 at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote 2 to this Form.

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