

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 AVERY WILLIAM 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)  
 150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/30/2014

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

RADNOR, PA 19087  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|----------|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |   | (Instr. 8) | Code | V | (A)    | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | (Instr. 8) |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|---|------------|------|---|--------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------|
|            | Phantom Stock Units          | <u>(1)</u>       | 09/30/2014 |  | A |            |      |   | 681.22 |     | <u>(2)</u>       | <u>(2)</u>      | Common Stock | 681.22                     | \$ 5       |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

AVERY WILLIAM J  
 150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD  
 RADNOR, PA 19087

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

## Signatures

/s/ Charles A. Brawley, III,  
 Attorney-in-Fact

10/02/2014

\*\*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) Each Phantom Stock Unit is the equivalent of one share of LNC Common Stock.

Quarterly payment of board retainer and fees in shares of phantom stock accrued under the Deferred Compensation Plan for

(2) Non-Employee Directors (the "Plan"), which are payable solely in shares of the Company's common stock at resignation or retirement. The reporting person may transfer his/her Phantom Stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

(3) Includes 80.04 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.

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