

BARRETT J PATRICK

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 *
BARRETT J PATRICK

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)
05/12/2009

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

RADNOR, PA 19087

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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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 05/12/2009 | 05/15/2009 | M | | 4,569.2 | A | 11 |
| Common Stock | 05/12/2009 | 05/15/2009 | M | | 8,586.86 | A | 11 |
| Common Stock | 05/12/2009 | 05/15/2009 | D | | 13,156.06 | D | \$ 16.14 |
| | | | | | | | 79,944.56 |
| | | | | | | | 88,531.42 |
| | | | | | | | 75,375.36 |

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 DVSPI | (1) | 05/12/2009 | 05/15/2009 | M | | 4,569.2 | 05/12/2009 05/12/2009 | Common Stock | 4,569 |
| Phantom DVSPS | (1) | 05/12/2009 | 05/15/2009 | M | | 8,586.86 | 05/12/2009 05/12/2009 | Common Stock | 8,586 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BARRETT J PATRICK 150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD RADNOR, PA 19087 | X | | | |

Signatures

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

05/18/2009

**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).
- On May 12 2009, the reporting person acquired 4669.20 shares and 8586.86 shares of common stock in settlement of an equal number of (1) shares of phantom stock pursuant to a voluntary deferral of Director Value Sharing Plan Board Service and Director Value Sharing Plan incentive compensation under the 1993 Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
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