

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP
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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 *
 CUNNINGHAM WILLIAM H DR

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)

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

150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD

09/30/2016

(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

RADNOR, PA 19087

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

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) |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|
| | | | | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | |
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | |
| Phantom Stock Unit | (1) | 09/30/2016 | A | | 1,921.03 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 1,921.03 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CUNNINGHAM WILLIAM H DR
150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD
RADNOR, PA 19087

Signatures

/s/ Nancy A. Smith,
Attorney-in-Fact

10/03/2016

__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 440.54 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.

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