

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BARRETT J PATRICK**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**CENTRE SQUARE-WEST  
TOWER, 1500 MARKET ST.,  
SUITE 3900**

(Street)

**PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP  
[LNC]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**09/28/2007**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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 or Price   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 09/28/2007                           |  | A                              |   | 1,230.68<br>(1)   | A  | \$ 33,812.18 (2) D                         |
| Common Stock                    | 10/01/2007                           |  | M                              |   | 15,437  | A  | (3) 49,249.18 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. 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Phantom Stock (Voluntary Deferral of Retainer Fee) | (3)  | 10/01/2007                           |  | M                              | 15,437  | 10/01/2007 10/01/2007                                    | Common Stock  | 15,437                     |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BARRETT J PATRICK  
CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER  
1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

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## Signatures

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

10/02/2007

\_\_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) Quarterly payment of board retainer and fees in shares of phantom stock accrued under the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Plan"), which are payable solely in shares of the Company's common stock at resignation or retirement.
- (2) Includes 73.16 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.
- (3) Each Phantom Stock unit was the economic equivalent of one share of issuer's common stock. On October 1, 2007, all shares of the reporting person's phantom stock units were settled for an equal number of shares of issuer's common stock.

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