#### STONECIPHER DAVID A

Form 4

February 25, 2009

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

STONECIPHER DAVID A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

[LNC]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD 02/23/2009

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

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 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (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)	Acquire (A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)	d of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.36	02/23/2009		A		4,151		02/23/2010	02/23/2019	Common Stock	4,151

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STONECIPHER DAVID A
150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD X
RADNOR, PA 19087

## **Signatures**

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

02/25/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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