

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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**RUCKELSHAUS JILL S**

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)  
**05/10/2007**

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

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

(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

**PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102**

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/10/2007		M		4,255.28	A	Ⓣ
Common Stock	05/10/2007		D		4,255.28	D	\$ 72.64
Common Stock	05/10/2007		M		2,351.93	A	Ⓣ
Common Stock	05/10/2007		D		2,351.93	D	\$ 72.64
							19,447.17 (2)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Phantom Stock (DVSP Incentive)	(3)	05/10/2007		M	4,255.28	05/10/2007	05/10/2007	Common Stock	4,255.28
Phantom Stock (Voluntary Deferral of Retainer Fees)	(3)	05/10/2007		M	2,351.93	05/10/2007	05/10/2007	Common Stock	2,351.93

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RUCKELSHAUS JILL S CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Karen F. Kanjian,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/14/2007

\*\*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).
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On May 10, 2007, the reporting person acquired 4,255.28 shares and 2,351.93 shares of common stock in settlement of an equal number of shares of phantom stock pursuant to a voluntary deferral of retainer fees and Director Value Sharing Plan incentive compensation under the 1993 Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

(2) Includes 28.39 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.

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