MEE MICHAEL F Form 4 January 17, 2006

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

MEE MICHAEL F

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

[LNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/12/2006

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER, 1500 MARKET ST.,

**SUITE 3900** 

(Last)

(Street)

(First)

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

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

X\_ Director

below)

Officer (give title

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

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 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 Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of or 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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|-------|--|--------------------|--|--|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A)  | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 52.1   | 01/12/2006                              |   | D <u>(1)</u>                           |  | 3,000 | <u>(1)</u>   | 03/14/2012         | Common<br>Stock  | 3,000                                  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 52.1   | 01/12/2006                              |   | A(1)                                   | 3,000  |       | <u>(1)</u>   | 03/14/2012         | Common<br>Stock  | 3,000                                  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 25.11  | 01/12/2006                              |   | D(2)                                   |  | 3,000 | (2)  | 03/13/2013         | Common<br>Stock  | 3,000                                  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 25.11  | 01/12/2006                              |   | A <sup>(2)</sup>                       | 3,000  |       | (2)  | 03/13/2013         | Common<br>Stock  | 3,000                                  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 47.58  | 01/12/2006                              |   | D(3)                                   |  | 3,000 | (3)  | 03/11/2014         | Common<br>Stock  | 3,000                                  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 47.58  | 01/12/2006                              |   | A(3)                                   | 3,000  |       | (3)  | 03/11/2014         | Common<br>Stock  | 3,000                                  |

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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MEE MICHAEL F
CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER
1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

## **Signatures**

/s/ C. Suzanne Womack, Attorney-in-Fact

01/17/2006

\*\*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) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option to permit the reporting person to exercise under circumstances for three months after board service, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on March 14, 2002 and provides for vesting in four equal annual installments commencing on March 14, 2003.
- The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option to permit the reporting person to exercise under circumstances for three months after board service, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on March 13, 2003 and provides for vesting in four equal annual installments commencing on March 13, 2004.
- The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option to permit the reporting person to exercise under circumstances for three months after board service, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on March 11, 2004 and provides for vesting in four equal annual installments commencing on March 11, 2005.

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