LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

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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 * AVEDON MARCIA J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

[LNC]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

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

03/31/2006

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

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

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities Acquired

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Beneficially

Owned

Following

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

(Instr. 4)

Code

(Instr. 8)

(A)

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

Common 03/31/2006 Stock

Code V Amount (D) Price 366.37 A

(1)

54 59

 $1.375.56^{(2)}$ 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)

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| 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | | | 7. Title a Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 a | int of lying ities | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------|---|---|
| | | | | Code V | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | or Title Nu of | umber | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| AVEDON MARCIA J CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

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

04/04/2006

**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).
- 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 7.07 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.

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