LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

Form 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *SCHOFF DENNIS L

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

02/22/2007

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

(Check all applicable)

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(Middle)

(Zip)

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

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

SVP & General Counsel

CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER, 1500 MARKET ST.,

SUITE 3900

(City)

Common

Stock

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

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. Securit on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		((A) or		Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/22/2007		Code V A	Amount 17,863 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0	47,938.87	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2007		F	7,617	D	\$0	40,321.87 (2)	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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By 401(k)

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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 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 47.58 (4)	02/22/2007		A	27,408	02/22/2007	03/11/2014	Common Stock	27,4
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 70.66	02/22/2007		A	34,280	02/22/2008(5)	02/22/2017	Common Stock	34,2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SCHOFF DENNIS L

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

SVP & General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Charles A. Brawley, III, Attorney-in-Fact 02/26/2007

**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) Represents settlement of long-term incentive awards for the 2004-2006 performance cycle.
- (2) Includes 87.27 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.

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- (3) Represents routine transactions in the Company's 401(k) Plan from 12/1/06 to 2/1/07.
 - On March 11, 2004, the reporting person was granted this option relating to the 2004-2006 performance cycle, which vested only upon
- (4) the satisfaction of certain performance criteria. The performance criteria for the period were met. Represents the Fair Market Value (as defined under the Company's Incentive Compensation Plan) of the issuer's common stock on the grant date.
- (5) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2008.

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