

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP
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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
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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 or Price				
Common Stock	05/10/2007		M		4,255.28	A	Ⓣ	23,702.45	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007		D		4,255.28	D	\$ 72.64	19,447.17	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007		M		2,351.93	A	Ⓣ	21,799.1	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007		D		2,351.93	D	\$ 72.64	19,447.17 ⁽²⁾	D

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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.

(3) 1-For-1

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