

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
 PAYNE WILLIAM PORTER

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)
 12/14/2016

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

150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD

(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

RADNOR, PA 19087

(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	12/14/2016		M		5,112	A	\$ 24.99
							27,622.33 ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	12/14/2016		M		5,872	A	\$ 29.54
							33,494.33
Common Stock	12/14/2016		S		10,986	D	\$ 66.0042
							22,508.33 ⁽²⁾

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.99	12/14/2016		M	5,114	02/22/2013 02/22/2022	Common Stock	5,114
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.54	12/14/2016		M	5,872	02/28/2014 02/28/2023	Common Stock	5,872

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PAYNE WILLIAM PORTER
150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD
RADNOR, PA 19087

Signatures

/s/ Nancy A. Smith, 12/14/2016
Attorney-in-Fact

__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) Includes 248.36 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.
- (2)

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The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$65.95 to \$66.13, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Lincoln National Corporation, any security holder of Lincoln National Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote 2 to this Form.

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