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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Freitag Randal J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

[LNC]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD 02/23/2011

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

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

below) EVP & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

RADNOR, PA 19087

(City)

Stock

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (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 Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

12,142

Common 02/23/2011 Α A \$0 $19,832.07 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ (1)

Common 636.99 (3) Ι By 401(k) Stock

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 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 Securition (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.64	02/23/2011		A	25,179	02/23/2012(4)	02/23/2021	Common Stock	25,1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Maine / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Freitag Randal J

150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD EVP & CFO

RADNOR, PA 19087

Signatures

/s/ Charles A. Brawley, III, Attorney-in-Fact 02/25/2011

**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) Grant of restricted stock units representing a contingent right to receive shares of LNC common Stock. The restricted stock units vest on February 23, 2014.
- (2) Includes 11.35 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.
- (3) Represents routine transactions in the Company's 401(k) Plan from 12/1/2010 to 2/1/2011.
- (4) The option vests ratably over 3 years beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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