

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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)  
150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/30/2011

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

(Street)  
RADNOR, PA 19087

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V Amount (D) Price                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                              |                                         |                                         |                        |                                          |                                                                |                                                                     |

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| (Instr. 3)                | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | Code | V | (A)      | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|----------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units | <u>(1)</u>                         | 12/30/2011       |            |                                                               | A    |   | 1,004.12 |     | <u>(2)</u>          | <u>(2)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 1,004.12                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                         | Relationships |           |         |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                        | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PAYNE WILLIAM PORTER<br>150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD<br>RADNOR, PA 19087 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Nancy A. Smith,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/03/2012

  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) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one share of LNC common stock.  
Quarterly payment of board retainer and fees in shares of phantom stock accrued under the Deferred Compensation Plan for
- (2) Non-Employee Directors (the "Plan"), which are payable solely in shares of the Company's common stock at resignation or retirement.  
The reporting person may transfer his/her phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.
- (3) Includes 28.98 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.
- (4) The number of derivative securities beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes amounts previously treated as common stock based on the administration of the LNC Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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