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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> AVEDON MARCIA J | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP [LNC] | | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|--|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 05/12/2005 | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | |
| CENTRE SQUARE WEST TOWER, 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 (Street) PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102 | | | | | (Check all a) Director Officer (give title below) (s | | Other | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
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| 1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4) | ity | | | 2. Amount of Beneficially ((Instr. 4) | | Fo Di or (I) | wnership orm: irect (D) Indirect | 4. Nat Owne (Instr. | - | |
| No securities beneficially owned | | | 0 | | D | | Â | | | |
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Date Exercisable and | 3. Title and Amount of | 4. | 5. | 6. Nature of Indirect |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|
| (Instr. 4) | Expiration Date | Securities Underlying | Conversion | Ownership | Beneficial Ownership |
| | (Month/Day/Year) | Derivative Security | or Exercise | Form of | (Instr. 5) |
| | | (Instr. 4) | Price of | Derivative | |
| | | | Derivative | Security: | |

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| Date | Expiration | Title | Amount or | Security | Direct (D) |
|-------------|------------|-------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Exercisable | Date | | Number of | | or Indirect |
| | | | Shares | | (I) |
| | | | | | (Instr. 5) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| AVEDON MARCIA J CENTRE SQUARE WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102 | ÂX | Â | Â | Â | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| /s/ Charles A. Brawley, Attorney-in-Fact | 05/13/2005 | | | | | | |
| <pre>Signature of Reporting Person</pre> | | Date | | | | | |
| Explanation of Responses: | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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