BELL THOMAS D JR

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BELL THOMAS D JR

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

(Check all applicable)

[LNC]

05/12/2005

(Last)

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

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner _ Other (specify

(Middle)

CENTRE SQUARE WEST TOWER, 1500 MARKET ST.,

SUITE 3900

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price | | | 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) | |
| Common Stock | 05/12/2005 | | M | 3,166.8 | A | \$ 0 | 15,643.56 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/12/2005 | | D | 3,166.8 | D | \$ 43.45 | 12,476.76 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/12/2005 | | M | 4,037.44 | A | \$ 0 | 16,514.2 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/12/2005 | | D | 4,037.44 | D | \$ 43.45 | 12,476.76 | D | |
| | 05/12/2005 | | A | 212.45 | A | | 12,689.21 | D | |

Common \$ Stock 43.45

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | es (Month/Day/Year) d (A) or d of (D) | | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amour Number Shares |
| Phantom Stock (DVSP Service) | (1) | 05/12/2005 | | M | 3,166.8 | 05/12/2005 | 05/12/2005 | Common Stock | 3,16 |
| Phantom Stock (DVSP Incentive) | <u>(1)</u> | 05/12/2005 | | M | 4,037.44 | 05/12/2005 | 05/12/2005 | Common Stock | 4,037 |

Reporting Owners

**Signature of Reporting Person

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Keiationsnips | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| and the state of t | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| BELL THOMAS D JR CENTRE SQUARE WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102 | X | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | |
| Dennis L. Schoff, Attorney-in-Fact | 05/16/2 | 2005 | | | | |

Date

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