

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

August 18, 2010

Frederick J. Crawford Executive Vice President and CFO Lincoln National Corporation 150 N. Radnor Chester Road Suite A305 Radnor, PA 19087

Re: Lincoln National Corporation Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2009 Filed February 25, 2010 File No. 1-06028

Dear Mr. Crawford:

We have completed our review of your filing and do not have any further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Riedler Assistant Director