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A.M. Best Affirms Ratings of Lincoln National Corporation and Its Key Subsidiaries

Ratings Supplement

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and ICRs of “aa-” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following life/health affiliates of **Lincoln National Corporation**:

- **The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company**
- **Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York**

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICR of “a+” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **First Penn-Pacific Life Insurance Company**.

The ICR of “a-” has been affirmed with a stable outlook for **Lincoln National Corporation**.

The following debt rating has been affirmed:

Lincoln National Corporation—
-- AMB-1 on commercial paper

The following debt ratings have been affirmed with a stable outlook:

Lincoln National Corporation—
-- “a-” on \$250 million 4.30% senior unsecured notes, due 2015
-- “a-” on \$200 million 7.00% senior unsecured notes, due 2018
-- “a-” on \$500 million 8.75% senior unsecured notes, due 2019
-- “a-” on \$300 million 6.25% senior unsecured notes, due 2020
-- “a-” on \$300 million 4.85% senior unsecured notes, due 2021
-- “a-” on \$300 million 4.20% senior unsecured notes, due 2022
-- “a-” on \$350 million 4.10% senior unsecured notes, due 2023
-- “a-” on \$500 million 6.15% senior unsecured notes, due 2036
-- “a-” on \$375 million 6.30% senior unsecured notes, due 2037

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- “a-” on \$500 million 7.00% senior unsecured notes, due 2040
- “bbb” on \$800 million 7.00% junior subordinated capital securities, due 2066
- “bbb” on \$500 million 6.05% junior subordinated capital securities, due 2067

The following indicative ratings on securities available under a universal shelf registration have been affirmed with a stable outlook:

Lincoln National Corporation—

- “a-” on senior unsecured debt
- “bbb+” on subordinated debt
- “bbb” on junior subordinated debt
- “bbb” on preferred stock

Lincoln National Capital VII, VIII and IX—

- “bbb” on trust preferred securities

The methodology used in determining these ratings is Best’s Credit Rating Methodology, which provides a comprehensive explanation of A.M. Best’s rating process and contains the different rating criteria employed in the rating process. Best’s Credit Rating Methodology can be found at www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology.

Key insurance criteria reports utilized:

- A.M. Best's Liquidity Model for U.S. Life Insurers
- A.M. Best's Perspective on Operating Leverage
- Analyzing Insurance Holding Company Liquidity
- Equity Credit for Hybrid Securities
- Insurance Holding Company and Debt Ratings
- Rating Members of Insurance Groups
- Rating Run-Off Insurers and Specialists
- Risk Management and the Rating Process for Insurance Companies
- Understanding BCAR for U.S. and Canadian Life/Health Insurers

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