

FRENCH JSM
Form 4
January 09, 2003

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. *See* Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

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| (Last) | French |
| (First) | James |
| (Middle) | S.M. |
| (Street) | 2801 Highway 280 South |
| (City) | Birmingham |
| (State) | Alabama |
| (Zip) | 35223 |

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

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| (Issuer Name) | Protective Life Corporation |
| (Ticker or Trading Symbol) | PL |

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)

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| (I.D. Number) | |
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4. Statement for Month/Day/Year

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| (Month/Day) | January 8 |
| (Year) | 2003 |

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

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| (Month/Day) | |
| (Year) | |

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

X

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (Director) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | (Officer, give title below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | (10% Owner) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | (Other, specify below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | |

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

X

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

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| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/08/03 | | A | | 179.945 | A | 28.3420 | 7,562.7078 | I | Def. Comp. 1 |
| 1. Shares acquired through PLC Def. | | | | | | | | 24,000 | I | Dunn Inv Co. 2 |
| Comp. Plan for Directors who are not officers of the corporation exempt under Rule 16b-3. | | | | | | | | 1,800 | I | By Wife 2 |
| 2. I disclaim Beneficial Ownership of such shares | | | | | | | | | | |

| Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date |
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| Table II Continued - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | |
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| 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | (A) | (D) | |
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Explanation of Responses:

/s/ JAMES S.M. FRENCH
**Signature of Reporting Person

JANUARY 9, 2003
Date

BY: Nancy Kane
Attorney-in-Fact

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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.).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.