FRENCH JSM
Form 4
April 10, 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*

(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

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

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

(I.D. Number)	

4. Statement for Month/Day/Year

(Month/Day)	April 9
(Year)	2003

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

(Month/Day)	
(Year)	

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

X

X	(Director)
	(Officer, give title below)
	(10% Owner)
	(Other, specify below)

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

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

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	04/09/03		A		42.4343	A	28.2790	8,021.3262	I	Def. Comp. 1
1. Shares acquired through PLC Def.								24,000	I	Dunn Inv Co. 2
Comp. Plan for Directors who are not								1,800	I	By Wife 2
officers of the corporation.								1,500	D	
exempt under Rule 16b-3.										
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)

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

Table II *Continued* - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of or Beneficially Owned (*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)					
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 Deriv-ative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ JAMES S.M. FRENCH
**Signature of Reporting Person
BY: Harriette Hyche
Attorney-in-Fact

APRIL 10, 2003
Date

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.