

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 01, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D. C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**September 26, 2008**

**Date of Report** (Date of earliest event reported)

**Protective Life Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-11339**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**95-2492236**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2801 Highway 280 South**

**Birmingham, Alabama 35223**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**(205) 268-1000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

The amounts of Protective Life Corporation's (the Company) securities holdings in Washington Mutual, Inc. are presented below, at approximate GAAP amortized cost. Since the opening of trading on September 26, 2008, the Company has sold certain of these securities for a total of \$8.0 million; these securities had been held at a GAAP amortized cost of approximately \$41.8 million. At September 30, 2008, the Company's remaining holdings in Washington Mutual are as follows:

Senior Debt: none

Subordinated Debt: \$2.5 million

Preferred Stock: \$42.9 million

Common Stock: none

Additional investments in Washington Mutual are held pursuant to a modified coinsurance arrangement under which the economic risks and benefits of the investments are passed to a third-party reinsurer. Since the opening of trading on September 26, 2008, the Company has sold certain of these securities for \$1.6 million; these securities had been held at a GAAP amortized cost of approximately \$6.0 million. At September 30, 2008, the Washington Mutual holdings under this modified coinsurance agreement are as follows:

Senior Debt: none

Subordinated Debt: \$1.0 million

Preferred Stock: none

Common Stock: none

For the third quarter of 2008, the Company will record applicable realized losses associated with the aforementioned sales and expects to determine the amount of any other-than-temporary-impairment charge relating to its remaining investments in Washington Mutual as of September 30, 2008.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION  
/s/Steven G. Walker  
Steven G. Walker  
Senior Vice President, Controller  
and Chief Accounting Officer

Dated: September 30, 2008