

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)	
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### 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

<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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Form filed by One Reporting Person
<input type="checkbox"/>	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 officers of the corporation.								1,800	I	By Wife 2
exempt under Rule 16b-3.								1,500	D	
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 <i>Continued</i> - 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 Derivative 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 Hyché  
 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.