

MCMAHON JOHN J JR  
 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\*

(Last)	McMahon, Jr.
(First)	John
(Middle)	J.
(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)	January 8
(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	01/08/03		A		137.605	A	28.3420	17,488.9838	I	Def. Comp. 1
1. Shares acquired through PLC Def.								77,938	I	By McLoud Inv. 2
Comp. Plan for Directors who are not officers of the corporation 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 Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

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Explanation of Responses:

/s/ JOHN J. McMAHON, JR.

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

BY: Nancy Kane

Attorney-in-Fact

JANUARY 9, 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.