

BIELEN RICHARD J
Form 4
March 05, 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) | Bielen |
| (First) | Richard |
| (Middle) | J. |
| (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) | March 3 |
| (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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (Officer, give title below) |
| | Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer |
| | (10% Owner) |
| | (Other, specify below) |
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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

X

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| 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 | | | | | | | | 28,200.7713 | I | Def.Comp 1 |
| 1. Shares under PLC's Def. | | | | | | | | 12,194.3927 | I | 401(k) 2 |
| Comp. Plan for officers of the corporation exempt under Rule 16-b(3). | | | | | | | | 7,496 | D | |
| 2. Total shares owned by reporting person in PLC's 401(k) and Stock Ownership Plan as of 02/28/03 | | | | | | | | | | |

| 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 |
| SAR 1 | 26.49 | 03/03/03 | | A | | 50,000 | | 03/03/08 | 03/03/13 |
| SAR 2 | | | | | | | | 08/15/01 | 08/15/06 |
| SAR 3 | | | | | | | | 03/04/07 | 03/04/12 |
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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 | | | | |
| SARs | 50,000 | -- | 50,000 | D | |
| SARs | 15,000 | -- | 15,000 | D | |
| SARs | 15,000 | -- | 15,000 | D | |
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Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Grant to reporting person of Stock Appreciation Right (SAR) in transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) SAR with base price of \$17.4375 payable in stock only at exercisable date. Includes shares received upon Protective Life Corp. 2-for-1 stock split that occurred on 04/02/1998.
- (3) Previously reported Stock Appreciation Right (SAR) in transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. Base price \$32.00.

/s/ RICHARD J. BIELEN

**Signature of Reporting Person

BY: Nancy Kane

MARCH 5, 2003

Date

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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.).

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