

THIGPEN CARL S
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
THIGPEN CARL S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2801 HIGHWAY 280 SOUTH

(Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PROTECTIVE LIFE CORP [PL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/10/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2005 | | M | V | 7,339 \$ 22.31 | A | 9,089 D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2005 | | D | | 3,925 \$ 41.72 | D | 5,164 D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2005 | | F | | 1,176 \$ 41.72 | D | 3,988 D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | I | 6,941.2688 By 401(k) (1) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| SAR 6 | \$ 22.31 | 02/10/2005 | | M | 7,339 | 07/21/2004 03/06/2010 | SAR 7,339 | \$ 0 |
| SAR 4 (2) | \$ 32 | | | | | 03/04/2007 03/04/2012 | SAR 15,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| THIGPEN CARL S 2801 HIGHWAY 280 SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223 | | | Sr. VP | |

Signatures

By: by Harriette Hyche
Attorney-in-Fact for

02/14/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) Total shares held by reporting person in PLC's 401(k) & Stock Ownership Plan as of 2/7/05.

(2) Previously reported Stock Appreciation Right (SAR).

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