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JOHNS JOHN D Form 5 February 13, 2003

FORM 5

ANNUAL 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).

Form 3 Holdings Reported

Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

(Last)	Johns
(First)	John
(Middle)	D.
(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/Year

X

(Month)	December 31
(Year)	2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day)	
(Year)	

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

	(Director)
X	(Officer, give title below)
	Chief Executive Officer, President
	(10% Owner)
	(Other, specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

X	
X	Form filed by One Reporting Person
	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Tab	le I - Non-Deri	vative Securit	ies Acquii	ed, Dispo	sed of,	or Bene	eficially Owi	ned	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,4, and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)		Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock							114,361.5219	I	Def.Comp.
1. Total shares under PLC's							5,845.7238	I	401(k) 2
Def.Comp. Plan for officers							2,400	I	By Wife 3
of the Corp.							600	I	By wife as custodian for daughter 3
2. Total shares held by reporting person in PLC's							600	I	By wife as custodian for son 3
401(k) and Stock Ownership Plan as of 12/31/02.							600	I	By wife as co-trustee of trust 3
3. I disclaim beneficial							4,400	D	
ownership of such shares.									

^{*} If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see instruction 4(b)(v).

	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 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed or Exercise Date Execution Date, if any Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Date, if any (Month/Day/ (Instr. 8) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3,4, and 5)				cquired (A) of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)					
	Security		Year		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date			
SAR	*						08/15/01	08/15/06			
SAR	+						03/06/05	03/06/10			
							03/04/07	03/04/12			

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)		Derivative Security	Beneficially Owned	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(/	at End of Year Instr. 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)				
			150,000**	D 1					
			50,000++	D					
			300,000***	D					

Explanation of Responses:

- $1\quad Includes shares \ received \ upon \ Protective \ Life \ Corp. \ 2 \ for \ 1 \ stock \ split \ which \ occurred \ on \ 4/2/98.$
- * SAR with base price of \$17.4375 payable in stock only at exercisable date.
- ** Grant to reporting person of Stock Appreciation Right (SAR) under the Protective Life Corp. 1996 Stock Appreciation Rights Plan in transaction exempt under New Rule 16b-3(d).
- + SAR with base price of \$22.31 payable in stock only at exercisable date.

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- ++ Grant to reporting person of Stock Appreciation Ridgt (SAR) under the PLC 1997 Long-Term Incentive Plan exempt under New Rule 16b-3(d).
- *** Grant to reporting person of Stock Appreciation Right (SAR) in transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). Base price \$32.00.

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). /s/ JOHN D. JOHNS

**Signature of Reporting Person
BY: HARRIETTE HYCHE

Attorney-in-Fact for John D. Johns

FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Date

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.