

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
LONG DEBORAH J

(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)  
12/10/2004

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  
\_\_\_\_ 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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	1,208 D \$ 41.82	1,013	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2004		G	V 13 D \$ 41.82	1,000	D	
Common Stock					2,678.3011	I	By 401(k) <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock					52,686.3037	I	Deferred Compensation <sup>(2)</sup>

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 Acquired (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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
SAR 1 <u>(3)</u>	\$ 17.4375					08/15/2001 08/15/2006	SAR 15,000	
SAR 4 <u>(3)</u>	\$ 32					03/04/2007 03/04/2012	SAR 15,000	
SAR 6 <u>(3)</u>	\$ 22.31					07/21/2004 03/06/2010	SAR 17,962	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LONG DEBORAH J 2801 HIGHWAY 280 SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223			Sr. VP	

## Signatures

By: Nancy Kane  
Attorney-in-Fact 12/10/2004

\_\_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 11/02/04
- (2) Shares acquired through PLC Deferred Compensation Plan for Officers of the Corporation (exempt under Rule 16b-3).

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

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