

BIELEN RICHARD J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BIELEN RICHARD J**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2801 HIGHWAY 280 SOUTH  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/09/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. VP

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/09/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 17.4375
Common Stock	02/09/2006		D		5,417	D	\$ 48.29
Common Stock	02/09/2006		F		3,124	D	\$ 48.29
Common Stock	02/09/2006		S		1,035	D	\$ 48.29
Common Stock					14,441.9276	I	

By 401(k) (2)

Common  
Stock

37,702.5966 I

Deferred  
Compensation  
(3)

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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
SAR 1 (4)	\$ 17.4375	02/09/2006		M	15,000	08/15/2001 08/15/2006	SAR 15,000	\$
SAR 06 (5)	\$ 41.05					03/04/2006 03/04/2015	SAR 4,700	
SAR 4 (5)	\$ 32					03/04/2007 03/04/2012	SAR 15,000	
SAR 5 (6)	\$ 26.49					03/03/2008 03/03/2013	SAR 50,000	
SAR 6 (6)	\$ 22.31					07/21/2004 03/06/2010	SAR 17,317	

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

By: by Harriette Hyche  
Attorney-in-Fact for

02/13/2006

\_\_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) Deemed sale of shares upon SAR exercise to pay excess withholding taxes.
- (2) Total shares held by reporting person in PLC's 401(k) & Stock Ownership Plan as of 2/1/06.
- (3) Shares acquired through the PLC Def. Comp. Plan for Officers of the Corporation (exempt under Rule 16b-3). Total amount in Col. 5 includes dividend shares acquired under the PLC Def. Comp. Plan for Officers exempt under Rule 16-a 11.
- (4) Previously reported Stock Appreciation Right (SAR).
- (5) Previously reported Stock Appreciation Right (SAR).
- (6) Previously reported Stock Appreciation Right (SAR).

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