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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *LONG DEBORAH 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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check air approacte)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
2801 HIGHWAY 280 SOUTH			05/17/2007	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
				Sr. VP			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	05/17/2007		A	3,573	A	\$ 47.323	10,114	D			
Common Stock	05/17/2007		F	1,124	D	\$ 47.323	8,990	D			
Common Stock							3,419.2496	I	By 401(k) (1)		
Common Stock							49,738.485	I	Deferred Compensation		

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

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8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
SAR 06 (3)	\$ 41.05					03/04/2006	03/04/2015	SAR	700
SAR 06 a (3)	\$ 41.05					03/04/2007	03/04/2015	SAR	700
SAR 06 b (3)	\$ 41.05					03/04/2008	03/04/2015	SAR	700
SAR 06 c (3)	\$ 41.05					03/04/2009	03/04/2015	SAR	700
SAR 11 (3)	\$ 43.46					03/05/2008	03/05/2017	SAR	1,850
SAR 11a	\$ 43.46					03/05/2009	03/05/2017	SAR	1,850
SAR 11b	\$ 43.46					03/05/2010	03/05/2017	SAR	1,850
SAR 11c (3)	\$ 43.46					03/05/2011	03/05/2017	SAR	1,850
SAR 3 3 06 (3)	\$ 48.6					03/03/2007	03/03/2016	SAR	750
SAR 3 3 06 a (3)	\$ 48.6					03/03/2008	03/03/2016	SAR	750
SAR 3 3 06 b (3)	\$ 48.6					03/03/2009	03/03/2016	SAR	750
SAR 3 3 06 c (3)	\$ 48.6					03/03/2010	03/03/2016	SAR	750

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SAR 4 (3)	\$ 32	03/04/2007	03/04/2012	SAR	15,000
SAR 6	\$ 22.31	07/21/2004	03/06/2010	SAR	17,962

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LONG DEBORAH J
2801 HIGHWAY 280 SOUTH
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223

Signatures

By: by Harriette Hyche Attorney-in-Fact for 05/18/2007

**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 4/30/07.
- (2) Shares acquired through 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.
- (3) Previously reported Stock Appreciation Right (SAR).

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