

DEFOOR JERRY W  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
DEFOOR JERRY W

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)  
02/14/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

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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\_\_\_\_ 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. 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	02/14/2005		A <sup>(1)</sup>		27,040.6773	A	\$ 41.039
Common Stock	02/14/2005		F		8,515.6773	D	\$ 41.039
Common Stock	02/14/2005		J <sup>(1)</sup>		27,040.6773	D	\$ 41.039
Common Stock							0
Common Stock							15,505.0888

Deferred Compensation <sup>(2)</sup>

By 401(k) <sup>(3)</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 2 (4)	\$ 22.31					03/06/2005 03/06/2010	SAR 10,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEFOOR JERRY W 2801 HIGHWAY 280 SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223			Vice President	

## Signatures

By: by Harriette Hyche  
Attorney-in-Fact for

02/15/2005

\_\_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) Shares distributed from the PLC Deferred Compensation Plan representing a change in the nature of beneficial ownership of previously reported shares (exempt under Section 16).
- (2) Shares acquired through PLC Deferred Compensation Plan for Officers of the Corporation (exempt under Rule 16b-3).
- (3) Total shares held by reporting person in PLC's 401(k) & Stock Ownership Plan as of 2/7/05.
- (4) Previously reported Stock Appreciation Right (SAR).

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