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

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading JAMES DONALD M Issuer Symbol PROTECTIVE LIFE CORP [PL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 2801 HIGHWAY 280 SOUTH 02/16/2006 below) (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 7. Nature of

Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDisposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) (Instr. 4) Following or Indirect Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Deferred Common 02/16/2006 109.2156 Α 15,853.1419 Compensation 45.781 Stock

Common

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,			7. Title Amour Underl Securit (Instr.	unt of erlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other JAMES DONALD M 2801 HIGHWAY 280 SOUTH X

Signatures

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223

By: by Harriette Hyche 02/17/2006 Attorney-in-Fact for

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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 acquired through the PLC Def. Comp. Plan for Directors who are not Officers of the Corporation (exempt under Rule 16b-3).

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