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**Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007

or

**Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the transition period from to

Commission File Number 001-31901

**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**TENNESSEE**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**63-0169720**

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**2801 HIGHWAY 280 SOUTH  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35223**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (205) 268-1000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| <u>Title of each class</u>   | <u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u> |
|--|--|
| 3.70% Secured Medium Term Notes due 2008 of Protective Life Secured Trust 2003-1 | New York Stock Exchange                          |

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Yes  No

**Note** Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act from their obligations under those Sections.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated Filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller Reporting Company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

Aggregate market value of the registrant's voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2007: **None**

Number of shares of Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value, outstanding as of March 28, 2008: **5,000,000**

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the Protective Life Corporation Proxy Statement prepared for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Share Owners, pursuant to Regulation 14A, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report.



**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

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## PART I

*In this Annual Report on Form 10-K, unless the context otherwise requires, "The Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to Protective Life Insurance Company and its subsidiaries.*

### Item 1. Business

Protective Life Insurance Company (the "Company"), a stock life insurance company, was founded in 1907. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Protective Life Corporation ("PLC"), an insurance holding company whose common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol: PL). The Company provides financial services through the production, distribution, and administration of insurance and investment products. Unless the context otherwise requires, the "Company" refers to the consolidated group of Protective Life Insurance Company and its subsidiaries.

The Company operates several business segments each having a strategic focus. An operating segment is generally distinguished by products and/or distribution channels. The Company's operating segments are Life Marketing, Acquisitions, Annuities, Stable Value Products, and Asset Protection. The Company has an additional segment referred to as Corporate and Other which consists of net investment income on capital, interest on debt, earnings from various investment-related transactions, and the operations of several non-strategic lines of business. The Company periodically evaluates its operating segments in light of the segment reporting requirements prescribed by Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 131, *Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information*, and makes adjustments to our segment reporting as needed.

Additional information concerning the Company's business segments may be found in Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* and Note 19, *Operating Segments* to Consolidated Financial Statements included herein. The information incorporated herein by reference is also electronically accessible through the Internet from the "EDGAR Database of Corporate Information" on the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") worldwide website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)).

In the following paragraphs, the Company reports sales and other statistical information. These statistics are used to measure the relative progress of its marketing and acquisition efforts, but may or may not have an immediate impact on reported segment operating income. Sales data for traditional life insurance are based on annualized premiums, while universal life sales are based on annualized planned premiums, or "target" premiums if lesser, plus 6% of amounts received in excess of target premiums and 10% of single premiums. ("Target" premiums for universal life are those premiums upon which full first year commissions are paid). Sales of annuities are measured based on the amount of deposits received. Stable value contract sales are measured at the time that the funding commitment is made based on the amount of deposit to be received. Sales within the Asset Protection segment are generally based on the amount of single premium and fees received.

These statistics are derived from various sales tracking and administrative systems, and are not derived from our financial reporting systems or financial statements. These statistics attempt to measure some of the many factors that may affect future profitability, and therefore are not intended to be predictive of future profitability.

### Life Marketing

The Life Marketing segment markets level premium term insurance ("traditional life"), universal life ("UL"), variable universal life and bank owned life insurance ("BOLI") products on a national basis through a variety of distribution channels. One distribution system is comprised of brokerage general agencies who recruit a network of independent life agents. The segment also distributes insurance products through a network of experienced independent personal producing general agents who are recruited by regional sales managers, through stockbrokers and banks and through worksite arrangements. The Company markets its BOLI products through independent marketing organizations that specialize in the BOLI market.

The following table shows the Life Marketing segment's sales measured by new premium:

| Year Ended<br>December 31, | Sales                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
|                            | (Dollars In Millions) |
| 2003                       | \$ 290                |
| 2004                       | 262                   |
| 2005                       | 295                   |
| 2006                       | 228                   |
| 2007                       | 229                   |

## Acquisitions

The Acquisitions segment focuses on acquiring, converting, and servicing policies acquired from other companies. The segment's primary focus is on life insurance policies and annuity products sold to individuals. These acquisitions may be accomplished through acquisitions of companies or through the reinsurance of blocks of policies from other insurers. Forty-four transactions have been closed by the segment since 1970, including seventeen since 1989. The level of the segment's acquisition activity is predicated upon many factors, including available capital, operating capacity, and market dynamics. The Company expects acquisition opportunities to continue to be available as the life insurance industry continues to consolidate; however, we believe we may face increased competition for future acquisitions.

Most acquisitions closed by the Acquisitions segment do not include the acquisition of an active sales force, thus policies acquired through the segment are typically "closed" blocks of business (no new policies are being marketed). Therefore, the amount of insurance in-force for a particular acquisition is expected to decline with time due to lapses, deaths and other terminations of coverage. In transactions where some marketing activity was included, the Company generally either ceased future marketing efforts or redirected those efforts to another segment of the Company. However, in the case of the acquisition of West Coast Life Insurance Company ("West Coast") which was closed by the Acquisitions segment in 1997, the Company elected to continue marketing new policies and operate West Coast as a component of our Life Marketing segment. Additionally, the Company has continued marketing new annuity products associated with our 2006 acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group (see below). New annuity product sales resulting from this acquisition are reported as a component of the Annuities segment.

The Company believes that its focused and disciplined approach to the acquisition process and its experience in the assimilation, conservation, and servicing of acquired policies provides a competitive advantage over many other companies that attempt to make similar acquisitions.

Since most acquisitions consist of closed blocks of business, earnings and account values from the Acquisitions segment are expected to decline with time unless new acquisitions are made. Therefore, the segment's revenues and earnings may fluctuate from year to year depending upon the level of acquisition activity.

On July 3, 2006, the Company completed its acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group, which consisted of five insurance companies that manufacture and administer traditional life insurance and annuity products and four related non-insurance companies (which collectively are referred to as the "Chase Insurance Group.") The Chase Insurance Group historically was headquartered in Elgin, Illinois, and offered primarily level premium term and other traditional life products, as well as fixed and variable annuity products. While the Company has ceased marketing the level premium term and other traditional life products previously offered by the Chase Insurance Group, as noted above, the Company has continued marketing the fixed and variable annuity products through certain of our insurance subsidiaries.

From time to time the Company's business segments have acquired companies and blocks of policies which are included in their respective results.

## Annuities

The Annuities segment manufactures, sells, and supports fixed and variable annuity products. These products are primarily sold through stockbrokers, but are also sold through financial institutions and independent agents and brokers.

The Company's fixed annuities include modified guaranteed annuities which guarantee an interest rate for a fixed period. Because contract values for these annuities are "market-value adjusted" upon surrender prior to maturity, these products afford the Company with a measure of protection from the effects of changes in interest rates. The Company's fixed annuities also include single premium deferred annuities, single premium immediate annuities, and equity indexed annuities which we began marketing during 2005. The Company's variable annuities offer the policyholder the opportunity to invest in various investment accounts.

The following table shows fixed and variable annuity sales. The demand for annuity products is related to the general level of interest rates and performance of the equity markets. Additionally, the Company has continued the marketing of new annuity products associated with our 2006 acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group and include these sales as a component of the Annuities segment. During 2007 and 2006, fixed annuity sales generated through the former Chase Insurance Group distribution channels were \$379.5 million and \$276.1 million, respectively.

| Year Ended<br>December 31, | Fixed<br>Annuities    | Variable<br>Annuities | Total<br>Annuities |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
|                            | (Dollars In Millions) |                       |                    |
| 2003                       | \$ 164                | \$ 350                | \$ 514             |
| 2004                       | 443                   | 283                   | 726                |
| 2005                       | 275                   | 312                   | 587                |
| 2006                       | 878                   | 323                   | 1,201              |
| 2007                       | 1,194                 | 472                   | 1,666              |

## Stable Value Products

The Stable Value Products segment sells guaranteed funding agreements ("GFAs") to special purpose entities that in turn issue notes or certificates in smaller, transferable denominations. The segment also markets fixed and floating rate funding agreements directly to the trustees of municipal bond proceeds, institutional investors, bank trust departments, and money market funds. During 2003, the Company registered a funding agreement-backed notes program with the SEC. Through this program, the Company was able to offer notes to both institutional and retail investors. As a result of the strong sales of these notes since their introduction in 2003, the amount available under this program was increased by \$4 billion in 2005 through a second registration. The segment's funding agreement-backed notes complement our overall asset-liability management in that the terms of the funding agreements may be tailored to the needs of the Company as the seller of the funding agreements.

Additionally, the segment markets guaranteed investment contracts ("GICs") to 401(k) and other qualified retirement savings plans. GICs are generally contracts which specify a return on deposits for a specified period and often provide flexibility for withdrawals at book value in keeping with the benefits provided by the plan. The demand for GICs is related to the relative attractiveness of the "fixed rate" investment option in a 401(k) plan compared to the equity-based investment options available to plan participants.

The Company's emphasis is on a consistent and disciplined approach to product pricing and asset/liability management, careful underwriting of early withdrawal risks and maintaining low distribution, and administration costs. Most GIC contracts and funding agreements written by the Company have maturities of three to ten years.

The following table shows the stable value products sales:

| Year Ended<br>December 31, | GICs   | Funding<br>Agreements | Total    |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|----------|
| (Dollars In Millions)      |        |                       |          |
| 2003                       | \$ 275 | \$ 1,333              | \$ 1,608 |
| 2004                       | 59     | 1,524                 | 1,583    |
| 2005                       | 96     | 1,316                 | 1,412    |
| 2006                       | 294    | 140                   | 434      |
| 2007                       | 133    | 794                   | 927      |

During 2007, the Company chose to reenter the institutional funding agreement-backed note market. In contrast, during 2006, the Company did not participate in this market. The rate of growth in account balances is affected by the amount of maturing contracts relative to the amount of new sales.

#### Asset Protection

The Asset Protection segment primarily markets extended service contracts and credit life and disability insurance to protect consumers' investments in automobiles, watercraft, and recreational vehicles ("RV"). In addition, the segment markets a guaranteed asset protection product and an inventory protection product. The segment's products are primarily marketed through a national network of 4,500 automobile, marine, and RV dealers. The Asset Protection segment has also offered credit insurance through banks and consumer finance companies.

The Company is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest independent writer of credit insurance in the United States according to industry surveys. These policies cover automobile loans made through automobile dealers throughout the United States and consumer loans made by financial institutions located primarily in the southeastern United States. The Company's ranking with respect to the writing of credit insurance is expected to decline in future years as the segment discontinues marketing these products through financial institutions.

On July 14, 2006, the Company completed an acquisition of the vehicle extended service contract business of Western General. Western General is headquartered in Calabasas, California, and is a provider of vehicle service contracts nationally, focusing primarily on the west coast market. In addition, Western General currently provides extended service contract administration for several automobile manufacturers and provides used car service contracts for a publicly-traded national dealership group.

The following table shows the insurance and related product sales measured by new revenue:

| Year Ended<br>December 31, | Sales  |
|----------------------------|--------|
| (Dollars In Millions)      |        |
| 2003                       | \$ 472 |
| 2004                       | 460    |
| 2005                       | 489    |
| 2006                       | 521    |
| 2007                       | 524    |

In 2007, approximately 85% of the segment's sales were through the automobile dealer distribution channel, and approximately 62% of the segment's sales were extended service contracts. A portion of the sales and resulting premium are reinsured with producer-affiliated reinsurers.

#### Corporate and Other

The Company has an additional segment referred to as Corporate and Other. The Corporate and Other segment primarily consists of net investment income and expenses not attributable to the other business segments described above (including net investment income on capital and interest on debt). This segment also includes earnings

from several non-strategic lines of business (primarily cancer insurance, residual value insurance, surety insurance, and group annuities), various investment-related transactions, and the operations of several small subsidiaries. The earnings of this segment may fluctuate from year to year.

## Investments

As of December 31, 2007, our investment portfolio equaled approximately \$28.5 billion. The types of assets in which we may invest are influenced by various state laws which prescribe qualified investment assets. Within the parameters of these laws, we invest in assets giving consideration to such factors as liquidity needs, investment quality, investment return, matching of assets and liabilities, and the overall composition of the investment portfolio by asset type and credit exposure. For further information regarding the Company's investments, the maturity of and the concentration of risk among the Company's invested assets, derivative financial instruments, and liquidity, see Note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* and Note 4, *Investment Operations* to Consolidated Financial Statements, and Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*.

A significant portion of our bond portfolio is invested in mortgage-backed securities. Mortgage-backed holdings at December 31, 2007 equaled approximately \$8.3 billion. Mortgage-backed securities are constructed from pools of mortgages and may have cash flow volatility as a result of changes in the rate at which prepayments of principal occur with respect to the underlying loans. Prepayments of principal on the underlying residential loans can be expected to accelerate with decreases in interest rates and diminish with increases in interest rates. The Company has not invested in the higher risk tranches of mortgage-backed securities (except mortgage-backed securities issued in securitization transactions sponsored by the Company). In addition, the Company has entered into derivative contracts to partially offset the volatility in the market value of our mortgage-backed securities.

As of December 31, 2007, the Company had mortgage-backed securities with a total market value of \$89.9 million, or 0.3% of total invested assets, that were supported by collateral classified as sub-prime. \$88.2 million or 98.1% of these securities were rated AAA. Additionally, as of December 31, 2007, we held \$273.4 million, or 1.0% of invested assets, of securities supported by collateral classified as Alt-A.

The tables below show a breakdown of our residential mortgage-backed securities portfolio by type and rating at December 31, 2007. As of December 31, 2007, these holdings were approximately \$6.8 billion. Planned amortization class securities ("PACs") pay down according to a schedule. Sequentials receive payments in order until each class is paid off. Pass through securities receive principal as principal of the underlying mortgages is received.

| Type         | Percentage of<br>Mortgage-Backed<br>Securities |
|--------------|--|
| Sequential   | 53.5%  |
| PAC          | 25.8   |
| Pass Through | 9.3  |
| Other        | 11.4   |
|              | 100.0%   |

| Rating | Percentage of<br>Mortgage-Backed<br>Securities |
|--------|--|
| AAA    | 97.5%  |
| AA     | 2.4  |
| A      | 0.1  |
|        | 100.0%   |

The Company's commercial mortgage backed security ("CMBS") portfolio consists of commercial mortgage-backed securities issued in securitization transactions. Portions of the CMBS are sponsored by the Company, in which the Company securitized portions of its mortgage loan portfolio. As of December 31, 2007, these holdings were approximately \$1.5 billion. Of this amount, \$929.1 million related to retained beneficial interests of commercial

mortgage loan securitizations the Company completed. The following table shows the percentages of the Company's CMBS holdings, at December 31, 2007, grouped by rating category:

| <b>Rating</b>          | <b>Percentage of<br/>Commercial<br/>Mortgage-Backed<br/>Securities</b> |
|------------------------|--|
| AAA                    | 86.1%  |
| AA                     | 7.7  |
| A                      | 3.1  |
| BBB                    | 1.4  |
| Below investment grade | 1.7  |
|                        | <u>100.0%</u>  |

Asset-backed securities ("ABS") pay down based on cash flow received from the underlying pool of assets, such as receivables on auto loans, student loans, credit cards, etc. As of December 31, 2007, these holdings were approximately \$844.5 million. The following table shows the percentages of the Company's ABS holdings, at December 31, 2007, grouped by rating category:

| <b>Rating</b>          | <b>Percentage of<br/>Asset-Backed<br/>Securities</b> |
|------------------------|--|
| AAA                    | 95.2%  |
| AA                     | 1.7  |
| A                      | 1.7  |
| BBB                    | 1.4  |
| Below investment grade | 0.0  |
|                        | <u>100.0%</u>  |

The Company obtained ratings of its fixed maturities from Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P") and Fitch Ratings ("Fitch"). If a bond is not rated by Moody's, S&P, or Fitch, the Company uses ratings from the Securities Valuation Office of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC"), or the Company rates the bond based upon a comparison of the unrated issue to rated issues of the same issuer or rated issues of other issuers with similar risk characteristics. At December 31, 2007, over 99% of the Company's bonds were rated by Moody's, S&P, Fitch, and/or the NAIC.

The approximate percentage distribution of the Company's fixed maturity investments by quality rating at December 31, 2007, is as follows:

| <b>Type</b> | <b>Percentage of<br/>Fixed Maturity<br/>Investments</b> |
|-------------|---|
| AAA         | 43.3%   |
| AA          | 8.9   |
| A           | 18.6  |
| BBB         | 25.6  |
| BB or less  | 3.6   |
|             | <u>100.0%</u>   |

At December 31, 2007, approximately \$22.1 billion of the Company's \$22.9 billion fixed maturities portfolio was invested in U.S. Government or agency-backed securities or investment grade bonds and approximately \$0.8 billion of its fixed maturities portfolio was rated less than investment grade, of which \$26.1 million were securities issued in Company-sponsored commercial mortgage loan securitizations.

Risks associated with investments in less than investment grade debt obligations may be significantly higher than risks associated with investments in debt securities rated investment grade. Risk of loss upon default by the

borrower is significantly greater with respect to such debt obligations than with other debt securities because these obligations may be unsecured or subordinated to other creditors. Additionally, there is often a thinly traded market for such securities and current market quotations are frequently not available for some of these securities. Issuers of less than investment grade debt obligations usually have higher levels of indebtedness and are more sensitive to adverse economic conditions, such as recession or increasing interest rates, than investment-grade issuers.

The Company also invests a significant portion of its investment portfolio in commercial mortgage loans. As of December 31, 2007, the Company's mortgage loan holdings equaled approximately \$3.3 billion. The Company generally does not lend on speculative properties and have specialized in making loans on either credit-oriented commercial properties or credit-anchored strip shopping centers and apartments. The Company's underwriting procedures relative to its commercial loan portfolio are based on a conservative, disciplined approach. The Company concentrates its underwriting expertise on a small number of commercial real estate asset types associated with the necessities of life (retail, multi-family, professional office buildings, and warehouses). The Company believes these asset types tend to weather economic downturns better than other commercial asset classes that the Company has chosen not to participate in. The Company believes this disciplined approach has helped to maintain a relatively low delinquency and foreclosure rate throughout our history.

The average size of loans made during 2007 was \$3.2 million. The average size mortgage loan in the Company's portfolio is approximately \$2.2 million. The largest single loan amount is \$21.8 million.

The following table shows a breakdown of the Company's mortgage loan portfolio by property type at December 31, 2007:

| Type             | Percentage of<br>Mortgage Loans<br>on Real Estate |
|------------------|---|
| Retail           | 64.8%   |
| Office Buildings | 13.8  |
| Apartments       | 10.5  |
| Warehouses       | 8.1   |
| Other            | 2.8   |
|                  | 100.0%  |

Retail loans are predominantly on strip shopping centers anchored by one or more regional or national retail stores. The anchor tenants enter into long-term leases with the Company's borrowers. These centers provide the basic necessities of life, such as food, pharmaceuticals, and clothing, and have been relatively insensitive to changes in economic conditions. The following are the largest anchor tenants (measured by the Company's level of exposure) at December 31, 2007:

| Type                  | Percentage of<br>Mortgage Loans<br>on Real Estate |
|-----------------------|---|
| Food Lion, Inc.       | 2.8%  |
| Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. | 2.3   |
| Walgreen Corporation  | 2.0   |
| CVS Drugs, Inc.       | 1.3   |
| Tractor Supply Co.    | 1.1   |
|                       | 9.5%  |

The Company's mortgage lending criteria generally require that the loan-to-value ratio on each mortgage be at or less than 75% at the time of origination. Projected rental payments from credit anchors (i.e., excluding rental payments from smaller local tenants) generally exceed 70% of the property's projected operating expenses and debt service. The Company also offers a commercial loan product under which the Company will permit a loan-to-value ratio of up to 85% in exchange for a participating interest in the cash flows from the underlying real estate. Approximately \$627.0 million of the Company's mortgage loans have this participation feature.

Certain of the Company's mortgage loans have call or interest rate reset provisions between 3 and 10 years. However, if interest rates were to significantly increase, the Company may be unable to call the loans or increase the interest rates on its existing mortgage loans commensurate with the significantly increased market rates.

At December 31, 2007, \$7.5 million or 0.2% of the mortgage loan portfolio was nonperforming, but less than 90 days delinquent. It is the Company's policy to cease to carry accrued interest on loans that are over 90 days delinquent. For loans less than 90 days delinquent, interest is accrued unless it is determined that the accrued interest is not collectible. If a loan becomes over 90 days delinquent, it is the Company's general policy to initiate foreclosure proceedings unless a workout arrangement to bring the loan current is in place.

Between 1996 and 1999, the Company securitized \$1.4 billion of its mortgage loans. The Company sold the senior tranches while retaining the subordinate tranches. The Company continues to service the securitized mortgage loans. During 2007, the Company securitized an additional \$1.0 billion of its mortgage loans. The Company sold the highest rated tranche for approximately \$218.3 million, while retaining the remaining tranches. The Company continues to service the securitized mortgage loans. At December 31, 2007, the Company had investments related to retained beneficial interests of mortgage loan securitizations of \$929.1 million. See Note 10, *Commercial Mortgage Securitizations*, for additional information on the mortgage loan securitization completed during 2007.

As a general rule, the Company does not invest directly in real estate. The investment real estate held by the Company consists largely of properties obtained through foreclosures or the acquisition of other insurance companies. Based on the Company's experience, the appraised value of a foreclosed property often approximates the mortgage loan balance on the property plus costs of foreclosure. Also, foreclosed properties often generate a positive cash flow enabling us to hold and manage the property until the property can be profitably sold.

The following table shows the investment results from continuing operations of the Company:

| Year Ended<br>December 31, | Cash, Accrued<br>Investment<br>Income, and<br>Investments at<br>December 31, | Net<br>Investment<br>Income | Percentage<br>Earned on<br>Average of<br>Cash and<br>Investments | Realized Investment<br>Gains (Losses)  |                          |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|
|                            |  |                             |  | Derivative<br>Financial<br>Instruments | All Other<br>Investments |
| (Dollars In Thousands)     |  |                             |  |  |                          |
| 2003                       | \$ 17,258,709  | \$ 980,743                  | 6.1%   | \$ 8,249                               | \$ 66,764                |
| 2004                       | 19,191,435   | 1,029,206                   | 5.9  | 2,726                                  | 30,771                   |
| 2005                       | 20,201,641   | 1,127,920                   | 5.9  | (31,819)                               | 37,934                   |
| 2006                       | 27,745,929   | 1,352,432                   | 5.9  | (21,555)                               | 101,864                  |
| 2007                       | 28,895,067   | 1,613,803                   | 5.8  | (274)                                  | 4,804                    |

## Life Insurance in Force

The following table shows life insurance sales by face amount and life insurance in force:

|  | For The Year Ended December 31, |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|  | 2007                            | 2006                  | 2005                  | 2004                  | 2003                  |
|  | (Dollars In Thousands)          |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| <b>New Business Written</b>                  |                                 |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Life Marketing                               | \$ 89,463,255                   | \$ 81,389,241         | \$ 60,435,133         | \$ 77,917,553         | \$ 102,154,269        |
| Group Products (1)                           | —                               | —                     | —                     | —                     | 67,405                |
| Asset Protection                             | 2,786,447                       | 3,095,205             | 3,770,783             | 5,702,146             | 6,655,790             |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>\$ 92,249,702</b>            | <b>\$ 84,484,446</b>  | <b>\$ 64,205,916</b>  | <b>\$ 83,619,699</b>  | <b>\$ 108,877,464</b> |
| <b>Business Acquired Acquisitions</b>        | <b>\$ —</b>                     | <b>\$ 224,498,169</b> | <b>\$ —</b>           | <b>\$ —</b>           | <b>\$ —</b>           |
| <b>Insurance in Force at End of Year (2)</b> |                                 |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Life Marketing                               | \$ 517,797,133                  | \$ 453,937,534        | \$ 435,430,943        | \$ 372,395,267        | \$ 305,939,864        |
| Acquisitions                                 | 243,050,966                     | 265,837,876           | 26,861,772            | 29,135,715            | 30,755,635            |
| Group Products (1)                           | —                               | —                     | —                     | —                     | 710,358               |
| Asset Protection                             | 4,333,952                       | 4,718,018             | 5,496,543             | 6,807,494             | 9,088,963             |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>\$ 765,182,051</b>           | <b>\$ 724,493,428</b> | <b>\$ 467,789,258</b> | <b>\$ 408,338,476</b> | <b>\$ 346,494,820</b> |

- (1) On December 31, 2001, the Company completed the sale of substantially all of its Dental Division, with which the group products are associated.
- (2) Reinsurance assumed has been included, reinsurance ceded (2007 - \$531,984,866; 2006 - \$576,790,608; 2005 - \$393,605,152; 2004 - \$354,015,938; 2003 - \$292,740,795) has not been deducted.

The ratio of voluntary terminations of individual life insurance to mean individual life insurance in force, which is determined by dividing the amount of insurance terminated due to lapses during the year by the mean of the insurance in force at the beginning and end of the year, adjusted for the timing of major acquisitions was:

| Year Ended<br>December 31, | Ratio of<br>Voluntary<br>Termination |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2003                       | 4.1%                                 |
| 2004                       | 4.6                                  |
| 2005                       | 4.2                                  |
| 2006                       | 3.9                                  |
| 2007                       | 4.5                                  |

## Investment Products in Force

The amount of investment products in force is measured by account balances. The following table shows stable value product, acquisitions segment, and annuity segment account balances. Most of the variable annuity account balances are reported in the Company's financial statements as liabilities related to separate accounts.

| Year Ended<br>December 31, | Stable<br>Value<br>Products | Modified<br>Guaranteed<br>Annuities | Fixed<br>Annuities | Variable<br>Annuities |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|                            | (Dollars In Thousands)      |                                     |                    |                       |
| 2003                       | \$ 4,676,531                | \$ 2,286,417                        | \$ 851,165         | \$ 2,388,033          |
| 2004                       | 5,562,997                   | 2,406,426                           | 753,832            | 2,612,077             |
| 2005                       | 6,057,721                   | 2,348,037                           | 777,422            | 2,639,670             |
| 2006                       | 5,513,464                   | 2,424,218                           | 4,981,587          | 4,302,413             |
| 2007                       | 5,046,463                   | 2,745,123                           | 5,773,855          | 3,975,058             |

Below are the fixed annuity account balances by segment as of December 31, 2007 and 2006:

| <u>Year Ended<br/>December 31,</u> | <u>Annuities</u>       | <u>Acquisitions</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|                                    | (Dollars In Thousands) |                     |
| 2006                               | 1,355,844              | 3,625,743           |
| 2007                               | 2,118,209              | 3,655,646           |

Below are the variable annuity account balances by segment as of December 31, 2007 and 2006:

| <u>Year Ended<br/>December 31,</u> | <u>Annuities</u>       | <u>Acquisitions</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|                                    | (Dollars In Thousands) |                     |
| 2006                               | 2,765,689              | 1,536,724           |
| 2007                               | 2,706,239              | 1,268,819           |

## Underwriting

The underwriting policies of the Company and its subsidiaries are established by management. With respect to individual insurance, the Company and its subsidiaries use information from the application and, in some cases, inspection reports, attending physician statements, or medical examinations to determine whether a policy should be issued as applied for, other than applied for, or rejected. Medical examinations of applicants are required for individual life insurance in excess of certain prescribed amounts (which vary based on the type of insurance) and for most individual insurance applied for by applicants over age 50. In the case of "simplified issue" policies, which are issued primarily through the Asset Protection segment and the Life Marketing segment in the worksite market, coverage is rejected if the responses to certain health questions contained in the application indicate adverse health of the applicant. For other than "simplified issue" policies, medical examinations are requested of any applicant, regardless of age and amount of requested coverage, if an examination is deemed necessary to underwrite the risk. Substandard risks may be referred to reinsurers for evaluation of the substandard risk.

The Company and its subsidiaries generally require blood samples to be drawn with individual insurance applications above certain face amounts based on the applicant's age, except in the worksite and BOLI markets where limited blood testing is required. Blood samples are tested for a wide range of chemical values and are screened for antibodies to the HIV virus. Applications also contain questions permitted by law regarding the HIV virus which must be answered by the proposed insureds.

During the third quarter of 2006, the Company introduced an advanced underwriting system, TeleLife®, through the brokerage agent distribution channel for traditional insurance. TeleLife® streamlines the application process through a telephonic interview of the applicant, schedules medical exams, accelerates the underwriting process and the ultimate issuance of a policy, mostly through electronic means, as well as reduces the number of attending physician statements.

During 2008, the Company increased its retention limit to \$2,000,000 on certain of its traditional life products.

## Reinsurance Ceded

The Company and its insurance subsidiaries cede insurance to other insurance companies. The ceding insurance company remains liable with respect to ceded insurance should any reinsurer fail to meet the obligations assumed by it. The Company also has used reinsurance to reinsure guaranteed minimum death benefit ("GMDB") claims in its variable annuity contracts.

For approximately 10 years prior to mid-2005, the Company entered into reinsurance contracts in which the Company ceded a significant percentage, generally 90% of its newly written business on a first dollar quota share basis. The Company's traditional life insurance was ceded under coinsurance contracts and universal life insurance was ceded under yearly renewable term ("YRT") contracts. In mid-2005, the Company substantially discontinued coinsuring its newly written traditional life insurance and moved to YRT reinsurance as discussed below. The Company continues to

reinsure 90% of the mortality risk, but not the account values, on its newly written universal life insurance.

The Company currently enters into reinsurance contracts with reinsurers under YRT contracts to provide coverage for insurance issued in excess of the amount it retains on any one life. The amount of insurance retained on any one life was \$500,000 in years prior to mid-2005. In 2005, this retention was increased to amounts up to \$1,000,000 for certain policies.

During recent years, the life reinsurance market continued the process of consolidation and tightening, resulting in a higher net cost of reinsurance for much of our life insurance business. The Company has also been challenged by changes in the reinsurance market which have impacted management of capital, particularly in the Company's term life business which is required to hold reserves pursuant to the Valuation of Life Insurance Policies Model Regulation ("Regulation XXX"). In response to these challenges, in 2005, the Company reduced its overall reliance on reinsurance by changing from coinsurance to yearly renewable term reinsurance arrangements for certain newly issued traditional life products. Additionally in 2005, for certain newly issued traditional life products, the Company increased, from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, the amount of insurance it will retain on any one life. In order to fund the additional statutory reserves required as a result of these changes in the Company's reinsurance arrangements, the Company has established a surplus notes facility under which the Company issued an aggregate of \$800 million of non-recourse funding obligations through December 2007. During 2008, the Company has increased its retention limit to \$2,000,000 on certain of its traditional life products.

In addition, during 2007, the Company established a surplus notes facility relative to its universal life products. Under this facility, the Company issued \$575 million of non-recourse funding obligations that will be used to fund statutory reserves required by Regulation XXX, as clarified by Actuarial Guideline 38 (commonly known as "AXXX"). The Company has received regulatory approval to issue additional series of its floating rate surplus notes up to an aggregate of \$675 million principal amount. The Company's maximum retention for newly issued universal life products is \$1,000,000.

During 2006, immediately after the closing of the Company's acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group, the Company entered into agreements with Commonwealth Annuity and Life Insurance Company (formerly known as Allmerica Financial Life Insurance and Annuity Company) ("CALIC") and Wilton Reassurance Company and Wilton Reinsurance Bermuda Limited (collectively, the "Wilton Re Group"), whereby CALIC reinsured 100% of the variable annuity business of the Chase Insurance Group and the Wilton Re Group reinsured approximately 42% of the other insurance business of the Chase Insurance Group.

At December 31, 2007, the Company had insurance in force of \$765.2 billion of which approximately \$532.0 billion was ceded to reinsurers. See Note 8, *Reinsurance* to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information related to the Company's use of reinsurance.

#### **Policy Liabilities and Accruals**

The applicable insurance laws under which the Company and its insurance subsidiaries operate require that each insurance company report policy liabilities to meet future obligations on the outstanding policies. These liabilities are the amounts which, with the additional premiums to be received and interest thereon compounded annually at certain assumed rates, are calculated in accordance with applicable law to be sufficient to meet the various policy and contract obligations as they mature. These laws specify that the liabilities shall not be less than liabilities calculated using certain named mortality tables and interest rates.

The policy liabilities and accruals carried in the Company's financial reports presented on the basis of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") differ from those specified by the laws of the various states and carried in the Company and its insurance subsidiaries' statutory financial statements (presented on the basis of statutory accounting principles mandated by state insurance regulations). For policy liabilities other than those for universal life policies, annuity contracts, GICs, and funding agreements, these differences arise from the use of mortality and morbidity tables and interest rate assumptions which are deemed to be more appropriate for financial reporting purposes than those required for statutory accounting purposes; from the introduction of lapse assumptions into the calculation; and from the use of the net level premium method on all business. Policy

liabilities for universal life policies, annuity contracts, GICs, and funding agreements are generally carried in the Company's financial reports at the account value of the policy or contract plus accrued interest.

## **Federal Income Tax Consequences**

Existing federal laws and regulations affect the taxation of the Company's products. Income tax payable by policyholders on investment earnings is deferred during the accumulation period of certain life insurance and annuity products. This favorable tax treatment may give certain of the Company's products a competitive advantage over other non-insurance products. To the extent that the Code is revised to reduce the tax-deferred status of life insurance and annuity products, or to increase the tax-deferred status of competing products, all life insurance companies, including the Company and its subsidiaries, will be adversely affected with respect to their ability to sell such products. Also, depending upon grandfathering provisions, the Company will be affected by the surrenders of existing annuity contracts and life insurance policies.

Additionally, if enacted, proposed changes in the federal tax law would establish new tax-advantaged retirement and life savings plans that will reduce the tax advantage of investing in life insurance or annuity products. Such proposals include changes that create new non-life-insurance vehicles for tax-exempt savings, and such proposals sometimes include provisions for more generous annual limits on contributions, etc.

In addition, life insurance products are often used to fund estate tax obligations. Federal law phases out, and ultimately eliminates, the U.S. estate tax in 2010. The same law, if not explicitly extended by Congress and the President via new legislation, reinstates in full the U.S. estate tax in 2011. President Bush and certain members of Congress have expressed a desire to either more quickly phase-out, or completely repeal the U.S. estate tax. If the U.S. estate tax is significantly reduced or repealed, the demand for certain life insurance products will be adversely affected.

Additionally, the Company is subject to corporate income tax. The Company cannot predict what changes to tax law or interpretations of existing tax law may ultimately be enacted or adopted or whether such changes will adversely affect the Company.

The Company and its insurance subsidiaries are taxed by the federal government in a manner similar to companies in other industries. However, certain restrictions apply regarding the consolidation of recently-acquired life insurance companies into the Company's consolidated U.S. income tax return. Additionally, restrictions apply to the combining, in a consolidated U.S. income tax return, of life-insurance-company taxable income or losses with non-life-insurance-company taxable losses, or income respectively. For 2007, the Company will consolidate all of its subsidiaries into its consolidated U.S. income tax return except for Protective Life Insurance Company of New York. The former Chase life insurance companies that were merged into the Company will be consolidated as of the date at which each was merged. The Company will file short-period returns for those merged companies representing activity during the pre-merger timeframe.

Under pre-1984 U.S. tax law, a significant amount of the Company's taxable income was not currently taxed. Instead, it was accumulated in a memorandum, or policyholders' surplus, account. Such income was subject to taxation only when it was either distributed or accumulated in excess of certain prescribed limits. The \$70.5 million balance in the Company's policyholders' surplus account as of December 31, 2003, has been carried forward without change since that date. Legislation was enacted in 2004 which permitted a life insurance company to reduce, during 2005 and 2006, its policyholders' surplus account balances without such reductions being subject to taxation. During 2006, the Company followed this legislation and reduced its policyholders' surplus account balances to zero.

## **Competition**

Life and health insurance is a mature and highly competitive industry. In recent years, the industry has experienced little growth in life insurance sales, though the aging population has increased the demand for retirement savings products. The Company encounters significant competition in all lines of business from other insurance companies, many of which have greater financial resources than the Company and which may have a greater market share, offer a broader range of products, services or features, assume a greater level of risk, have lower operating or financing costs, or have lower profitability expectations. The Company also faces competition from other providers of financial services. Competition could result in, among other things, lower sales or higher lapses of existing products.

The Company's move away from relying on reinsurance for newly written traditional life products results in a net reduction of current taxes (but an increase in deferred taxes). The Company allocates the benefits of reduced current taxes to the life marketing segment and the profitability and competitive position of certain products is dependent on the continuation of existing tax rules and interpretations and its ability to generate taxable income.

The insurance industry is consolidating, with larger, potentially more efficient organizations emerging from consolidation. Participants in certain of the Company's independent distribution channels are also consolidating into larger organizations. Some mutual insurance companies have converted to stock ownership, which gives them greater access to capital markets. The ability of banks to increase their securities-related business or to affiliate with insurance companies may materially and adversely affect sales of all of the Company's products by substantially increasing the number and financial strength of potential competitors.

The Company's ability to compete is dependent upon, among other things, its ability to attract and retain distribution channels to market its insurance and investment products, its ability to develop competitive and profitable products, its ability to maintain low unit costs, and its maintenance of strong ratings from rating agencies.

As technology evolves, comparison of a particular product of any company for a particular customer with competing products for that customer is more readily available, which could lead to increased competition as well as agent or customer behavior, including persistency that differs from past behavior.

## **Regulation**

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to government regulation in each of the states in which they conduct business. Such regulation is vested in state agencies having broad administrative power dealing with many aspects of our business, which may include, among other things, premium rates, reserve requirements, marketing practices, advertising, privacy, policy forms, reinsurance reserve requirements, and capital adequacy, and is concerned primarily with the protection of policyholders and other customers rather than shareowners.

The purchase of life insurance products is limited by state insurable interest laws, which generally require that the purchaser of life insurance have some interest in the sustained life of the insured. To some extent, the insurable interest laws present a barrier to the life settlement, or "stranger-owned" industry, in which a financial entity acquires an interest in life insurance proceeds, and efforts have been made in some states to strengthen as well as clarify the insurable interest laws. To the extent these laws are relaxed, the Company's lapse assumptions may prove to be unduly optimistic.

A life insurance company's statutory capital is computed according to rules prescribed by the NAIC, as modified by state law. Generally speaking, other states in which a company does business defer to the interpretation of the domiciliary state with respect to certain NAIC rules, unless inconsistent with the other state's law. Statutory accounting rules are different from U.S. GAAP and are intended to reflect a more conservative view by, for example, requiring immediate expensing of policy acquisition costs and use of more conservative computations of policy liabilities. The NAIC's risk-based capital requirements require insurance companies to calculate and report information under a risk-based capital formula. These requirements are intended to allow insurance regulators to identify inadequately capitalized insurance companies based upon the types and mixtures of risks inherent in the insurer's operations. The formula includes components for asset risk, liability risk, interest rate exposure, and other factors. Based upon the December 31, 2007 statutory financial reports, the Company and its insurance subsidiaries are adequately capitalized under the formula.

The Company and its insurance subsidiaries are required to file detailed annual reports with the supervisory agencies in each of the jurisdictions in which they do business and their business and accounts are subject to examination by such agencies at any time. Under the rules of the NAIC, insurance companies are examined periodically (generally every three to five years) by one or more of the supervisory agencies on behalf of the states in which they do business. At any given time, a number of financial and/or market conduct examinations of the Company or its subsidiaries may be ongoing. To date, no such insurance department examinations have produced any significant adverse findings regarding any of the Company and its insurance subsidiaries.

Under insurance guaranty fund laws, in most states insurance companies doing business therein can be assessed up to prescribed limits for policyholder losses incurred by insolvent companies. Although the Company cannot predict the amount of any future assessments, most insurance guaranty fund laws currently provide that an assessment may be excused or deferred if it would threaten an insurer's own financial strength. The Company and its insurance subsidiaries were assessed immaterial amounts in 2007, which will be partially offset by credits against future state premium taxes.

In addition, many states, including the states in which the Company and its insurance subsidiaries are domiciled, have enacted legislation or adopted regulations regarding insurance holding company systems. These laws require registration of and periodic reporting by insurance companies domiciled within the jurisdiction which control or are controlled by other corporations or persons so as to constitute an insurance holding company system. These laws also affect the acquisition of control of insurance companies as well as transactions between insurance companies and companies controlling them. Most states, including Tennessee, where the Company is domiciled, require administrative approval of the acquisition of control of an insurance company domiciled in the state or the acquisition of control of an insurance holding company whose insurance subsidiary is incorporated in the state. In Tennessee, the acquisition of 10% of the voting securities of an entity is generally deemed to be the acquisition of control for the purpose of the insurance holding company statute and requires not only the filing of detailed information concerning the acquiring parties and the plan of acquisition, but also administrative approval prior to the acquisition.

The states in which the Company and its insurance subsidiaries are domiciled impose certain restrictions on their ability to pay dividends to PLC. These restrictions are generally based in part on the prior year's statutory income and surplus. In general, dividends up to specified levels are considered ordinary and may be paid without prior approval. Dividends in larger amounts are subject to approval by the insurance commissioner of the state of domicile. The maximum amount that would qualify as ordinary dividends to Protective Life Corporation by its insurance subsidiaries in 2008 is estimated to be \$350.5 million. No assurance can be given that more stringent restrictions will not be adopted from time to time by states in which the Company and its insurance subsidiaries are domiciled; such restrictions could have the effect, under certain circumstances, of significantly reducing dividends or other amounts payable to PLC by the Company and its insurance subsidiaries without affirmative prior approval by state regulatory authorities.

The Company and its insurance subsidiaries may be subject to regulation by the United States Department of Labor when providing a variety of products and services to employee benefit plans governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"). Severe penalties are imposed for breach of duties under ERISA.

Certain policies, contracts and annuities offered by the Company and its subsidiaries are subject to regulation under the federal securities laws administered by the SEC. The federal securities laws contain regulatory restrictions and criminal, administrative and private remedial provisions.

Additional issues related to regulation of the Company and its insurance subsidiaries are discussed in Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* included herein.

## **Employees**

At December 31, 2007, the Company had approximately 1,694 employees, including approximately 896 employees in Birmingham, Alabama. The Company believes its relations with its employees are satisfactory. Most employees are covered by contributory major medical, dental, group life, and long-term disability insurance plans. The cost of these benefits to the Company in 2007 was approximately \$10.5 million. In addition, substantially all of the employees are covered by a defined benefit pension plan sponsored by PLC. In 2007, PLC also matched employee contributions to its 401(k) Plan and made discretionary profit sharing contributions for employees not otherwise covered by a bonus or sales incentive plan. See Note 12, *Shareowners' Equity and Stock-Based Compensation* and Note 13, *Employee Benefit Plans* to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

## **Item 1A. Risk Factors and Cautionary Factors that may Affect Future Results**

The operating results of companies in the insurance industry have historically been subject to significant fluctuations. The factors which could affect the Company's future results include, but are not limited to, general

economic conditions and the known trends and uncertainties which are discussed more fully below.

***The Company is exposed to the risks of natural disasters, pandemics, malicious, and terrorist acts that could adversely affect the Company's operations.***

While the Company has obtained insurance, implemented risk management and contingency plans, and taken preventive measures and other precautions, no predictions of specific scenarios can be made nor can assurance be given that there are not scenarios that could have an adverse effect on the Company. A natural disaster or pandemic could adversely affect the mortality or morbidity experience of the Company or its reinsurers. A severe pandemic could result in a substantial increase in mortality experience and have a significant negative impact on the Company's surplus capital. A pandemic could also have an adverse effect on lapses and surrenders of existing policies, as well as sales of new policies. In addition, a pandemic could result in large areas being subject to quarantine, with the result that economic activity slows or ceases, adversely affecting the marketing or administration of the Company's business within such area and/or the general economic climate, which in turn could have an adverse affect on the Company. The possible macroeconomic effects of a pandemic could also adversely affect the Company's asset portfolio, as well as many other variables.

***The Company operates in a mature, highly competitive industry, which could limit its ability to gain or maintain its position in the industry and negatively affect profitability.***

Life and health insurance is a mature and highly competitive industry. In recent years, the industry has experienced little growth in life insurance sales, though the aging population has increased the demand for retirement savings products. The Company encounters significant competition in all lines of business from other insurance companies, many of which have greater financial resources than the Company and which may have a greater market share, offer a broader range of products, services or features, assume a greater level of risk, have lower operating or financing costs, or have different profitability expectations than the Company. The Company also faces competition from other providers of financial services. Competition could result in, among other things, lower sales or higher lapses of existing products.

The Company's move away from relying on reinsurance for newly written traditional life products results in a net reduction of current taxes (but an increase in deferred taxes). The Company allocates the benefits of reduced current taxes to the life marketing segment and the profitability and competitive position of certain products is dependent on the continuation of existing tax rules and interpretations and the Company's ability to generate taxable income.

The insurance industry is consolidating, with larger, potentially more efficient organizations emerging from consolidation. Participants in certain of the Company's independent distribution channels are also consolidating into larger organizations. Some mutual insurance companies have converted to stock ownership, which gives them greater access to capital markets. The ability of banks to increase their securities-related business or to affiliate with insurance companies may materially and adversely affect sales of all of the Company's products by substantially increasing the number and financial strength of potential competitors.

The Company's ability to compete is dependent upon, among other things, its ability to attract and retain distribution channels to market its insurance and investment products, its ability to develop competitive and profitable products, its ability to maintain low unit costs, and its maintenance of strong ratings from rating agencies.

As technology evolves, comparison of a particular product of any company for a particular customer with competing products for that customer is more readily available, which could lead to increased competition as well as agent or customer behavior, including persistency that differs from past behavior.

***A ratings downgradecould adversely affect the Company's ability to compete.***

Rating organizations periodically review the financial performance and condition of insurers, including the Company and its subsidiaries. A downgrade in the rating of the Company or its subsidiaries could adversely affect the Company's ability to sell its products, retain existing business, and compete for attractive acquisition opportunities. Specifically, a ratings downgrade would materially harm the Company's ability to sell certain products, including

guaranteed investment products, funding agreements, and certain types of annuities.

Rating organizations assign ratings based upon several factors. While most of the factors relate to the rated company, some of the factors relate to the views of the rating organization, general economic conditions and circumstances outside the rated company's control. In addition, rating organizations use various models and formulas to assess the strength of a rated company, and from time to time rating organizations have, in their discretion, altered the models. Changes to the models could impact the rating organizations' judgment of the rating to be assigned to the rated company. The Company cannot predict what actions the rating organizations may take, or what actions the Company may be required to take in response to the actions of the rating organizations, which could adversely affect the Company.

***The Company's policyclaims fluctuate from period to period resulting in earnings volatility.***

The Company's results may fluctuate from period to period due to fluctuations in policy claims received by the Company. Certain of the Company's businesses may experience higher claims if the economy is growing slowly or in recession, or equity markets decline. Additionally, beginning in the third quarter of 2005, the Company increased its retained amounts on newly written traditional life products. This change will cause greater variability in financial results due to fluctuations in mortality results.

***The Company's results may be negatively affected should actual experience differ from management's assumptions and estimates.***

In the conduct of business, the Company makes certain assumptions regarding the mortality, persistency, expenses and interest rates, tax liability, business mix, frequency of claims, contingent liabilities or other factors appropriate to the type of business it expects to experience in future periods. These assumptions are also used to estimate the amounts of deferred policy acquisition costs, policy liabilities and accruals, future earnings, and various components of the Company's balance sheet. These assumptions are used in the operations of the Company's business in making decisions crucial to the success of the Company, including the pricing of products and expense structures relating to products. The Company's actual experience, as well as changes in estimates, is used to prepare the Company's statements of income. To the extent the Company's actual experience and changes in estimates differ from original estimates, the Company's financial condition is affected.

Mortality, morbidity, and casualty expectations incorporate assumptions about many factors, including for example, how a product is distributed, for what purpose the product is purchased, the mix of customers purchasing the products, persistency and lapses, future progress in the fields of health and medicine, and the projected level of used vehicle values. Actual mortality, morbidity, and/or casualty experience will differ from expectations if actual results differ from those assumptions. In addition, continued activity in the viatical, stranger-owned and/or life settlement industry, in which some companies attempt to arbitrage the difference in lapse assumptions used in pricing and actual lapse performance that they can control, could have an adverse impact on the Company's level of persistency and lapses, and thus negatively impact the Company's performance.

The calculations the Company uses to estimate various components of its balance sheet and statements of income are necessarily complex and involve analyzing and interpreting large quantities of data. The Company currently employs various techniques for such calculations and it from time to time will develop and implement more sophisticated administrative systems and procedures capable of facilitating the calculation of more precise estimates.

Assumptions and estimates involve judgment, and by their nature are imprecise and subject to changes and revisions over time. Accordingly, the Company's results may be affected, positively or negatively, from time to time, by actual results differing from assumptions, by changes in estimates, and by changes resulting from implementing more sophisticated administrative systems and procedures that facilitate the calculation of more precise estimates.

***The use of reinsurance introduces variability in the Company's statements of income.***

The timing of premium payments to and receipt of expense allowances from reinsurers may differ from the Company's receipt of customer premium payments and incurrence of expenses. These timing differences introduce variability in certain components of the Company's statements of income, and may also introduce variability in the

Company's quarterly results.

***The Company could be forced to sell investments at a loss to cover policyholder withdrawals.***

Many of the products offered by the Company and its insurance subsidiaries allow policyholders and contract holders to withdraw their funds under defined circumstances. The Company and its insurance subsidiaries manage their liabilities and configure their investment portfolios so as to provide and maintain sufficient liquidity to support anticipated withdrawal demands and contract benefits and maturities. While the Company and its insurance subsidiaries own a significant amount of liquid assets, a certain portion of their assets are relatively illiquid. If the Company or its subsidiaries experience unanticipated withdrawal or surrender activity, the Company or its subsidiaries could exhaust their liquid assets and be forced to liquidate other assets, perhaps on unfavorable terms. If the Company or its subsidiaries are forced to dispose of assets on unfavorable terms, it could have an adverse effect on the Company's financial condition.

***Interest rate fluctuations could negatively affect the Company's spread income or otherwise impact its business.***

Significant changes in interest rates expose insurance companies to the risk of not earning anticipated spreads between the interest rate earned on investments and the credited interest rates paid on outstanding policies and contracts. Both rising and declining interest rates can negatively affect the Company's spread income. While the Company develops and maintains asset/liability management programs and procedures designed to mitigate the effect on spread income in rising or falling interest rate environments, no assurance can be given that changes in interest rates will not affect such spreads.

From time to time, the Company has participated in securities repurchase transactions that have contributed to the Company's investment income. No assurance can be given that such transactions will continue to be entered into and contribute to the Company's investment income in the future.

Changes in interest rates may also impact its business in other ways. Lower interest rates may result in lower sales of certain of the Company's insurance and investment products. In addition, certain of the Company's insurance and investment products guarantee a minimum credited interest rate, and the Company could become unable to earn its spread income should interest rates decrease significantly.

Higher interest rates may create a less favorable environment for the origination of mortgage loans and decrease the investment income the Company receives in the form of prepayment fees, make-whole payments, and mortgage participation income. Higher interest rates may also increase the cost of debt and other obligations having floating rate or rate reset provisions and may result in lower sales of variable products.

Additionally, the Company's asset/liability management programs and procedures incorporate assumptions about the relationship between short-term and long-term interest rates (i.e., the slope of the yield curve) and relationships between risk-adjusted and risk-free interest rates, market liquidity, and other factors. The effectiveness of the Company's asset/liability management programs and procedures may be negatively affected whenever actual results differ from these assumptions.

In general, the Company's results are improved when the yield curve is positively sloped (i.e., when long-term interest rates are higher than short-term interest rates), and will be adversely affected by a flat or negatively sloped curve.

***Equity market volatility could negatively impact the Company's business.***

The amount of policy fees received from variable products is affected by the performance of the equity markets, increasing or decreasing as markets rise or fall. Equity market volatility can also affect the profitability of variable products in other ways, in particular as a result of options embedded in these products.

The amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs relating to variable products and the estimated cost of providing guaranteed minimum death benefits and guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefits incorporate various assumptions about the overall performance of equity markets over certain time periods. The rate of amortization of

deferred policy acquisition costs and the estimated cost of providing guaranteed minimum death benefits could increase if equity market performance is worse than assumed.

***Insurance companies are highly regulated and subject to numerous legal restrictions and regulations.***

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to government regulation in each of the states in which they conduct business. Such regulation is vested in state agencies having broad administrative and in some instances discretionary power dealing with many aspects of the Company's business, which may include, among other things, premium rates and increases thereto, reserve requirements, marketing practices, advertising, privacy, policy forms, reinsurance reserve requirements, acquisitions, mergers, and capital adequacy, and is concerned primarily with the protection of policyholders and other customers rather than shareowners. At any given time, a number of financial and/or market conduct examinations of the Company and its subsidiaries may be ongoing. From time to time, regulators raise issues during examinations or audits of the Company and its subsidiaries that could, if determined adversely, have a material impact on the Company. The Company and its insurance subsidiaries are required to obtain state regulatory approval for rate increases for certain health insurance products, and the Company's profits may be adversely affected if the requested rate increases are not approved in full by regulators in a timely fashion.

The purchase of life insurance products is limited by state insurable interest laws, which generally require that the purchaser of life insurance name a beneficiary that has some interest in the sustained life of the insured. To some extent, the insurable interest laws present a barrier to the life settlement, or "stranger-owned" industry, in which a financial entity acquires an interest in life insurance proceeds, and efforts have been made in some states to liberalize the insurable interest laws. To the extent these laws are relaxed, the Company's lapse assumptions may prove to be unduly optimistic.

The Company cannot predict whether or when regulatory actions may be taken that could adversely affect the Company or its operations. Interpretations of regulations by regulators may change and statutes, regulations and interpretations may be applied with retroactive impact, particularly in areas such as accounting or reserve requirements. Although the Company and its subsidiaries are subject to state regulation, in many instances the state regulatory models emanate from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC"). Some of the NAIC pronouncements, particularly as they affect accounting issues, take effect automatically in the various states without affirmative action by the states. Also, regulatory actions with prospective impact can potentially have a significant impact on currently sold products. As an example of both retroactive and prospective impacts, in late 2005, the NAIC approved an amendment to Actuarial Guideline 38, commonly known as AXXX, which interprets the reserve requirements for universal life insurance with secondary guarantees. This amendment retroactively increased the reserve requirements for universal life insurance with secondary guarantee products issued after July 1, 2005. This change to Actuarial Guideline 38 ("AG38") also affected the profitability of universal life products sold after the adoption date. The NAIC is continuing to study reserving methodology and has issued additional changes to AXXX and Regulation XXX, which has had the effect of modestly decreasing the reserves required for term and universal life policies that are issued on January 1, 2007 and later. In addition, accounting and actuarial groups within the NAIC have studied whether to change the accounting standards that relate to certain reinsurance credits, and if changes were made, whether they should be applied retrospectively, prospectively only, or in a phased-in manner. A requirement to reduce the reserve credit on ceded business, if applied retroactively, would have a negative impact on the statutory capital of the Company. The NAIC is also currently working to reform state regulation in various areas, including comprehensive reforms relating to life insurance reserves.

At the federal level, bills have been introduced in the U. S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives that would provide for an optional federal charter for life and property and casualty insurers, and another bill has been introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives that would pre-empt state law in certain respects with regard to the regulation of reinsurance. Still another bill has been introduced in the House and Senate that would remove the federal antitrust exemption from the insurance industry. The Company cannot predict whether or in what form reforms will be enacted and, if so, whether the enacted reforms will positively or negatively affect the Company or whether any effects will be material. Moreover, although with respect to some financial regulations and guidelines, states sometimes defer to the interpretation of the insurance department of the state of domicile; neither the action of the domiciliary state nor action of the NAIC is binding on a state. Accordingly, a state could choose to follow a different interpretation.

The Company and its subsidiaries may be subject to regulation by the United States Department of Labor

when providing a variety of products and services to employee benefit plans governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"). Severe penalties are imposed for breach of duties under ERISA.

Certain policies, contracts, and annuities offered by the Company and its subsidiaries are subject to regulation under the federal securities laws administered by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The federal securities laws contain regulatory restrictions and criminal, administrative, and private remedial provisions.

Other types of regulation that could affect the Company and its subsidiaries include insurance company investment laws and regulations, state statutory accounting practices, anti-trust laws, minimum solvency requirements, state securities laws, federal privacy laws, insurable interest laws, federal anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism laws, and because the Company owns and operates real property, state, federal, and local environmental laws. The Company cannot predict what form any future changes in these or other areas of regulation affecting the insurance industry might take or what effect, if any, such proposals might have on the Company if enacted into law.

***Changes to tax law or interpretations of existing tax law could adversely affect the Company and its ability to compete with non-insurance products or reduce the demand for certain insurance products.***

Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), income tax payable by policyholders on investment earnings is deferred during the accumulation period of certain life insurance and annuity products. This favorable tax treatment may give certain of the Company's products a competitive advantage over other non-insurance products. To the extent that the Code is revised to reduce the tax-deferred status of life insurance and annuity products, or to increase the tax-deferred status of competing products, all life insurance companies, including the Company and its subsidiaries, would be adversely affected with respect to their ability to sell such products, and, depending upon grandfathering provisions, would be affected by the surrenders of existing annuity contracts and life insurance policies. For example, changes in laws or regulations could restrict or eliminate the advantages of certain corporate or bank-owned life insurance products. Changes in tax law, which have reduced the federal income tax rates on corporate dividends in certain circumstances, could make the tax advantages of investing in certain life insurance or annuity products less attractive. Additionally, changes in tax law based on proposals to establish new tax advantaged retirement and life savings plans, if enacted, could reduce the tax advantage of investing in certain life insurance or annuity products. In addition, life insurance products are often used to fund estate tax obligations. Legislation has been enacted that would, over time, reduce and eventually eliminate the federal estate tax. Under the legislation that has been enacted, the estate tax will be reinstated, in its entirety, in 2011 and thereafter. President Bush and members of Congress have expressed a desire to modify the existing legislation, which modification could result in faster or more complete reduction or repeal of the estate tax. If the estate tax is significantly reduced or eliminated, the demand for certain life insurance products could be adversely affected. Additionally, the Company is subject to the federal corporation income tax. The Company cannot predict what changes to tax law or interpretations of existing tax law may ultimately be enacted or adopted or whether such changes could adversely affect the Company.

The Company's move away from relying on reinsurance for newly written traditional life products results in a net reduction of current taxes (but an increase in deferred taxes.) The resulting benefit of reduced current taxes is attributed to the applicable life products and is an important component of the profitability of these products. The profitability and competitive position of these products is dependent on the continuation of current tax law and the ability to generate taxable income.

***Financial services companies are frequently the targets of litigation, including class action litigation, which could result in substantial judgments.***

A number of civil jury verdicts have been returned against insurers, broker-dealers, and other providers of financial services involving sales, refund or claims practices, alleged agent misconduct, failure to properly supervise representatives, relationships with agents or other persons with whom the insurer does business, and other matters. Often these lawsuits have resulted in the award of substantial judgments that are disproportionate to the actual damages, including material amounts of punitive non-economic compensatory damages. In some states, juries, judges, and arbitrators have substantial discretion in awarding punitive and non-economic compensatory damages, which creates the potential for unpredictable material adverse judgments or awards in any given lawsuit or arbitration. Arbitration awards are subject to very limited appellate review. In addition, in some class action and other lawsuits, companies have made material settlement payments.

Group health coverage issued through associations and credit insurance coverages have received some negative coverage in the media as well as increased regulatory consideration and review and litigation. The Company has a small closed block of group health insurance coverage that was issued to members of an association; a purported class action lawsuit is currently pending against the Company in connection with this business. The Company is also defending purported class action litigation challenging its practices relating to issuing refunds of unearned premiums upon termination of credit insurance.

In connection with our discontinued Lender's Indemnity product, we have discovered facts and circumstances that support allegations against third parties (including policyholders and the administrator of the associated loan program), and we have instituted litigation to establish the rights and liabilities of various parties; we have also received claims seeking to assert liability against us for various matters, including claims alleging payments owing for bad faith refusal to pay and payments with respect to policies for which premiums were not received by us and this matter is addressed by the pending litigation matters. In addition, we are defending an arbitration claim by the reinsurer of this Lender's Indemnity product. The reinsurer asserts that it is entitled to a return of most of the Lender's Indemnity claims that were paid on behalf of us by the administrator, claiming that the claims were not properly payable under the terms of the policies. The reinsurer was under common ownership with the program administrator, and we are vigorously defending this arbitration. Although we cannot predict the outcome of any litigation or arbitration, we do not believe that the outcome of these matters will have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

The Company, like other financial services companies, in the ordinary course of business is involved in litigation and arbitration. Although the Company cannot predict the outcome of any litigation or arbitration, the Company does not believe that any such outcome will have a material impact on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company.

***Publicly held companies in general and the financial services industry in particular are sometimes the target of law enforcement investigations and the focus of increased regulatory scrutiny.***

Publicly held companies in general and the financial services industry in particular are sometimes the target of law enforcement investigations relating to the numerous laws that govern publicly held companies and the financial services and insurance business. The Company cannot predict the impact of any such investigations on PLC, the Company, or the industry.

The financial services industry has become the focus of increased scrutiny by regulatory and law enforcement authorities relating to allegations of improper special payments, price-fixing, bid-rigging and other alleged misconduct, including payments made by insurers and other financial services providers to brokers and the practices surrounding the placement of insurance business and sales of other financial products as well as practices related to finite reinsurance. Some publicly held companies have been the subject of enforcement or other actions relating to corporate governance and the integrity of financial statements, most recently relating to the issuance of stock options. Such publicity may generate inquiries to or litigation against publicly held companies and/or financial service providers, even those who do not engage in the business lines or practices currently at issue. It is impossible to predict the outcome of these investigations or proceedings, whether they will expand into other areas not yet contemplated, whether they will result in changes in insurance regulation, whether activities currently thought to be lawful will be characterized as unlawful, or the impact, if any, of this increased regulatory and law enforcement scrutiny of the financial services industry on the Company. As some inquiries appear to encompass a large segment of the financial services industry, it would not be unusual for large numbers of companies in the financial services industry to receive subpoenas, requests for information from regulatory authorities or other inquiries relating to these and similar matters. From time to time, the Company receives subpoenas, requests or other inquiries and responds to them in the ordinary course of business.

***The Company's ability to maintain competitive unit costs is dependent upon the level of new sales and persistency of existing business.***

The Company's ability to maintain competitive unit costs is dependent upon a number of factors, such as the level of new sales, persistency (continuation or renewal) of existing business, and expense management. A decrease in sales or persistency without a corresponding reduction in expenses may result in higher unit costs.

Additionally, a decrease in persistency may result in higher or more rapid amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs and thus higher unit costs, and lower reported earnings. Although many of the Company's products contain surrender charges, the charges decrease over time and may not be sufficient to cover the unamortized deferred policy acquisition costs with respect to the insurance policy or annuity contract being surrendered. Some of the Company's products do not contain surrender charge features and such products can be surrendered or exchanged without penalty. A decrease in persistency may also result in higher claims.

***The Company's investments are subject to market and credit risks.***

The Company's invested assets and derivative financial instruments are subject to customary risks of credit defaults and changes in market values. The value of the Company's commercial mortgage loan portfolio depends in part on the financial condition of the tenants occupying the properties which the Company has financed. Factors that may affect the overall default rate on, and market value of, the Company's invested assets, derivative financial instruments, and mortgage loans include interest rate levels, financial market performance, and general economic conditions as well as particular circumstances affecting the businesses of individual borrowers and tenants. In addition, fair value changes can cause significant fluctuations to earnings and equity.

***The Company may not realize its anticipated financial results from its acquisitions strategy.***

The Company's acquisitions have increased its earnings in part by allowing the Company to enter new markets and to position itself to realize certain operating efficiencies. There can be no assurance, however, that suitable acquisitions presenting opportunities for continued growth and operating efficiencies, or capital to fund acquisitions will continue to be available to the Company, or that the Company will realize the anticipated financial results from its acquisitions.

The Company may be unable to complete an acquisition, or completion of an acquisition may be more costly or take longer than expected or may have a different financing structure than initially contemplated. The Company may be unable to obtain regulatory approvals that may be required to complete an acquisition. There may be unforeseen liabilities that arise in connection with businesses that the Company acquires.

Additionally, in connection with its acquisitions, the Company assumes or otherwise becomes responsible for the obligations of policies and other liabilities of other insurers. Any regulatory, legal, financial, or other adverse development affecting the other insurer could also have an adverse effect on the Company.

***The Company may not be able to achieve the expected results from its recent acquisition.***

On July 3, 2006, the Company completed its acquisition from JP Morgan Chase & Co. of the stock of five life insurance companies and the stock of four related non-insurance companies. Full integration of the acquisition may be more expensive, more difficult, or take longer than expected. In addition, the Company may not achieve the returns projected from its analysis of the acquisition opportunity, and the effects of the purchase generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") accounting on the Company's financial statements may be different than originally contemplated.

***The Company is dependent on the performance of others.***

The Company's results may be affected by the performance of others because the Company has entered into various arrangements involving other parties. For example, most of the Company's products are sold through independent distribution channels, and variable annuity deposits are invested in funds managed by third parties. Also, a substantial portion of the business of the recently acquired Chase Insurance Group is being administered by third party administrators. Additionally, the Company's operations are dependent on various technologies, some of which are provided and/or maintained by other parties.

Certain of these other parties may act on behalf of the Company or represent the Company in various capacities. Consequently, the Company may be held responsible for obligations that arise from the acts or omissions of these other parties.

As with all financial services companies, its ability to conduct business is dependent upon consumer confidence in the industry and its products. Actions of competitors and financial difficulties of other companies in the industry could undermine consumer confidence and adversely affect retention of existing business and future sales of the Company's insurance and investment products.

***The Company's reinsurers could fail to meet assumed obligations, increase rates or be subject to adverse developments that could affect the Company.***

The Company and its insurance subsidiaries cede material amounts of insurance and transfer related assets to other insurance companies through reinsurance. The Company may enter into third-party reinsurance arrangements under which the Company will rely on the third party to collect premiums, pay claims, and/or perform customer service functions. However, notwithstanding the transfer of related assets or other issues, the Company remains liable with respect to ceded insurance should any reinsurer fail to meet the obligations assumed. Therefore, the failure of one or more of the Company's reinsurers could negatively impact the Company's earnings and financial position.

The Company's ability to compete is dependent on the availability of reinsurance or other substitute financing solutions. Premium rates charged by the Company are based, in part, on the assumption that reinsurance will be available at a certain cost. Under certain reinsurance agreements, the reinsurer may increase the rate it charges the Company for the reinsurance. Therefore, if the cost of reinsurance were to increase or if reinsurance were to become unavailable or if alternatives to reinsurance were not available to the Company, or if a reinsurer should fail to meet its obligations, the Company could be adversely affected.

Recently, access to reinsurance has become more costly for the Company as well as the insurance industry in general. This could have a negative effect on the Company's ability to compete. In recent years, the number of life reinsurers has decreased as the reinsurance industry has consolidated. The decreased number of participants in the life reinsurance market results in increased concentration risk for insurers, including the Company. If the reinsurance market further contracts, the Company's ability to continue to offer its products on terms favorable to the Company could be adversely impacted.

The Company has implemented, and plans to continue to expand, a reinsurance program through the use of captive reinsurers. Under these arrangements, an insurer owned by the Company serves as the reinsurer, and the consolidated books and tax returns of the Company reflects a liability consisting of the full reserve amount attributable to the reinsured business. The success of the Company's captive reinsurance program and related marketing efforts is dependent on a number of factors outside the control of the Company, including continued access to financial solutions, a favorable regulatory environment, and the overall tax position of the Company. If the captive reinsurance program is not successful the Company's ability to continue to offer its products on terms favorable to the Company would be adversely impacted.

***Computer viruses or network security breaches could affect the data processing systems of the Company or its business partners and could damage our business and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.***

A computer virus could affect the data processing systems of the Company or its business partners, destroying valuable data or making it difficult to conduct business. In addition, despite the Company's implementation of network security measures, its servers could be subject to physical and electronic break-ins, and similar disruptions from unauthorized tampering with its computer systems.

The Company retains confidential information in its computer systems, and relies on sophisticated commercial technologies to maintain the security of those systems. Anyone who is able to circumvent the Company's security measures and penetrate the Company's computer systems could access, view, misappropriate, alter, or delete any information in the systems, including personally identifiable customer information and proprietary business information. In addition, an increasing number of states require that customers be notified of unauthorized access, use or disclosure of their information. Any compromise of the security of the Company's computer systems that result in inappropriate access, use or disclosure of personally identifiable customer information could damage the Company's reputation in the marketplace, deter people from purchasing the Company's products, subject the Company to significant civil and criminal liability and require the Company to incur significant technical, legal and other expenses.

***The Company's ability to grow depends in large part upon the continued availability of capital.***

The Company has recently deployed significant amounts of capital to support its sales and acquisitions efforts. A recent amendment to Actuarial Guideline 38 increased the reserve requirements for universal life insurance with secondary guarantees for products issued after July 1, 2005. This amendment, along with the continued reserve requirements of Regulation XXX for traditional life insurance products, has caused the sale of these products to consume additional capital. Future marketing plans are dependent on access to financing solutions. A disruption in the financing arena, or the Company's inability to access capital through these transactions, could have a negative impact on the Company's ability to grow. Capital has also been consumed as the Company increased its reserves on the residual value and lenders indemnity product lines. Although positive performance in the equity markets has recently allowed the Company to decrease its guaranteed minimum death benefit related policy liabilities and accruals, deterioration in these markets could lead to further capital consumption. Although the Company believes it has sufficient capital to fund its immediate growth and capital needs, the amount of capital available can vary significantly from period to period due to a variety of circumstances, some of which are neither predictable nor foreseeable, nor within the Company's control. A lack of sufficient capital could impair the Company's ability to grow.

***New accounting rules or changes to existing accounting rules could negatively impact the Company.***

The Company is required to comply with U.S. GAAP. A number of organizations are instrumental in the development and interpretation of U.S. GAAP such as the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA"). U.S. GAAP is subject to constant review by these organizations and others in an effort to address emerging accounting rules and issue interpretative accounting guidance on a continual basis. The Company can give no assurance that future changes to U.S. GAAP will not have a negative impact on the Company. U.S. GAAP includes the requirement to carry certain investments and insurance liabilities at fair value. These fair values are sensitive to various factors including, but not limited to, interest rate movements, credit spreads, and various other factors. Because of this, changes in these fair values may cause increased levels of volatility in the Company's financial statements.

In addition, the Company and its insurance subsidiaries are required to comply with statutory accounting principles ("SAP"). SAP and various components of SAP (such as actuarial reserving methodology) are subject to constant review by the NAIC and its task forces and committees as well as state insurance departments in an effort to address emerging issues and otherwise improve or alter financial reporting. Various proposals either are currently or have previously been pending before committees and task forces of the NAIC, some of which, if enacted, would negatively affect the Company, including one that relates to certain reinsurance credits, and some of which could positively impact the Company. The NAIC is also currently working to reform state regulation in various areas, including comprehensive reforms relating to life insurance reserves and the accounting for such reserves. The Company cannot predict whether or in what form reforms will be enacted and, if so, whether the enacted reforms will positively or negatively affect the Company. Moreover, although in general with respect to regulations and guidelines, states defer to the interpretation of the insurance department of the state of domicile, neither the action of the domiciliary state nor action of the NAIC is binding on a state. Accordingly, a state could choose to follow a different interpretation. The Company can give no assurance that future changes to SAP or components of SAP will not have a negative impact on the Company.

***The Company's risk management policies and procedures may leave it exposed to unidentified or unanticipated risk, which could negatively affect our business or result in losses.***

The Company has developed risk management policies and procedures and expects to continue to enhance these in the future. Nonetheless, the Company's policies and procedures to identify, monitor, and manage both internal and external risks may not predict future exposures, which could be different or significantly greater than expected.

These may not be the only risks facing the Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us, or that we currently deem to be immaterial, may adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.

***Credit market volatility or the inability to access financing solutions could adversely impact the Company's financial condition or results from operations.***

Significant volatility in credit markets could have an adverse impact on either the Company's financial condition or results from operations in several ways. Changes in interest rates and credit spreads could cause market price and cash flow variability in the fixed income instruments in the Company's investment portfolio. Additionally, significant volatility and lack of liquidity in the credit markets could cause issuers of the fixed-income securities in the Company's investment portfolio to default on either principal or interest payments on these securities. Volatility could also impact the Company's ability to efficiently access financial solutions for purposes of issuing long term debt for financing purposes or obtain financial solutions for purposes of supporting term and universal life insurance products for capital management purposes or result in an increase in the cost of existing securitization structures.

The ability of the Company to implement financing solutions designed to fund excess statutory reserves on both the term and universal life blocks of business is dependent upon factors such as the ratings of the Company, the size of the blocks of business affected, the mortality experience of the Company, the credit market and other factors. The Company cannot predict the continued availability of such solutions to the Company or the form that the market may dictate. To the extent that such financing solutions are not available, the Company's financial position could be adversely affected through impacts including, but not limited to, higher borrowing costs, surplus strain, lower sales capacity and possible reduced earnings expectations. Management continues to monitor options related to these financing solutions.

**Item 2. Properties**

Our home office is located at 2801 Highway 280 South, Birmingham, Alabama. We own two buildings consisting of 310,000 square feet constructed in two phases. Building 1 was constructed in 1974 and Building 2 was constructed in 1982. Additionally, we lease a third 310,000 square-foot building constructed in 2004. Parking is provided for approximately 2,594 vehicles.

We lease administrative and marketing office space in 20 cities, including 21,667 square feet in Birmingham (excluding the home office building), with most leases being for periods of three to ten years. The aggregate annualized rent is approximately \$6.7 million.

We believe our properties are adequate and suitable for our business as currently conducted and are adequately maintained. The above properties do not include properties we own for investment only.

**Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

To the knowledge and in the opinion of management, there are no material pending legal proceedings, other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business of the Company, to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or of which any of the Company's properties is the subject. For additional information regarding legal proceedings see Item 1A, *Risk Factors and Cautionary Factors that may Affect Future Results* included herein.

**Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

Not applicable.

**PART II****Item 5. Market for the Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of PLC which also owns all of the preferred stock issued by the Company's subsidiary, Protective Life and Annuity Insurance Company ("PL&A"). Therefore, neither the Company's common stock nor PL&A's preferred stock is publicly traded.

At December 31, 2007, approximately \$2.0 billion of consolidated shareowners' equity excluding net unrealized gains and losses on investments represented net assets of our insurance subsidiaries that cannot be transferred to PLC in the form of dividends, loans, or advances. Also, distributions, including cash dividends to PLC in excess of approximately \$2.0 billion, would be subject to federal income tax at rates then effective.

Insurers are subject to various state statutory and regulatory restrictions on the insurers' ability to pay dividends. In general, dividends up to specific levels are considered ordinary and may be paid thirty days after written notice to the insurance commissioner of the state of domicile unless such commissioner objects to the dividend prior to the expiration of such period. Dividends in larger amounts are considered extraordinary and are subject to affirmative prior approval by such commissioner. The maximum amount that would qualify as ordinary dividends to PLC by its insurance subsidiaries in 2008 is estimated to be \$350.5 million.

PL&A paid no dividends on its preferred stock in 2007 or 2006. The Company and PL&A expect to pay cash dividends in the future, subject to their earnings and financial condition and other relevant factors.

Item 6.

Selected Financial Data

|                                     | For The Year Ended December 31, |              |              |              |              |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                     | 2007                            | 2006         | 2005         | 2004         | 2003         |
|                                     | (Dollars In Thousands)          |              |              |              |              |
| <b>INCOME STATEMENT DATA</b>        |                                 |              |              |              |              |
| Premiums and policy fees            | \$ 2,723,208                    | \$ 2,316,594 | \$ 1,944,796 | \$ 1,822,825 | \$ 1,653,609 |
| Reinsurance ceded                   | (1,585,399)                     | (1,362,722)  | (1,208,864)  | (1,124,651)  | (917,935)    |
| Net of reinsurance ceded            | 1,137,809                       | 953,872      | 735,932      | 698,174      | 735,674      |
| Net investment income               | 1,613,803                       | 1,352,432    | 1,127,920    | 1,029,206    | 980,743      |
| Realized investment gains (losses): |                                 |              |              |              |              |
| Derivative financial instruments    | (274)                           | (21,555)     | (31,819)     | 2,726        | 8,249        |
| All other investments               | 4,804                           | 101,864      | 37,934       | 30,771       | 66,764       |
| Other income                        | 85,759                          | 96,944       | 67,066       | 55,783       | 46,825       |
| Total revenues                      | 2,841,901                       | 2,483,557    | 1,937,033    | 1,816,660    | 1,838,255    |
| Benefits and expenses               | 2,445,945                       | 2,063,809    | 1,575,818    | 1,445,497    | 1,488,283    |
| Income tax expense                  | 143,523                         | 154,865      | 125,559      | 133,226      | 117,932      |
| Change in accounting principle(1)   | —                               | —            | —            | (15,801)     | —            |
| Net income                          | \$ 252,433                      | \$ 264,883   | \$ 235,656   | \$ 222,136   | \$ 232,040   |

(1) Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of income tax - amount in 2004 relates to SOP 03-1.

|  | As of December 31,     |               |               |               |               |
|--|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | 2007                   | 2006          | 2005          | 2004          | 2003          |
|  | (Dollars In Thousands) |               |               |               |               |
| <b>BALANCE SHEET DATA</b>                                    |                        |               |               |               |               |
| Total assets   | \$ 41,145,082          | \$ 39,157,857 | \$ 28,338,594 | \$ 26,571,210 | \$ 23,914,836 |
| Total stable value contracts and annuity account balances(2) | 13,879,021             | 14,330,909    | 9,490,007     | 8,342,334     | 7,336,341     |
| Total debt   | —                      | —             | —             | 2,202         | 2,234         |
| Non-recourse funding obligations                             | 1,375,000              | 425,000       | 125,000       | —             | —             |
| Liabilities related to variable interest entities            | —                      | 20,395        | 42,604        | 60,590        | —             |
| Shareowners' equity  | 3,421,797              | 3,253,498     | 2,930,394     | 2,885,064     | 2,629,798     |

(2) Includes stable value contract account balances and annuity account balances which do not pose significant mortality risk.

## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") should be read in conjunction with our consolidated audited financial statements and related notes included herein.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS – CAUTIONARY LANGUAGE

This report reviews our financial condition and results of operations including our liquidity and capital resources. Historical information is presented and discussed and where appropriate, factors that may affect future financial performance are also identified and discussed. Certain statements made in this report include "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include any statement that may predict, forecast, indicate or imply future results, performance or achievements instead of historical facts and may contain words like "believe," "expect," "estimate," "project," "budget," "forecast," "anticipate," "plan," "will," "shall," "may," and other words, phrases, or expressions with similar meaning. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, which may cause actual results to differ materially from the results contained in the forward-looking statements, and we cannot give assurances that such statements will prove to be correct. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. Please refer to Item 1A, *Risk Factors and Cautionary Factors that may Affect Future Results* herein for more information about factors which could affect future results.

### OVERVIEW

#### *Our business*

The Company and its subsidiaries provide financial services through the production, distribution, and administration of insurance and investment products. Founded in 1907, we are the largest operating subsidiary of Protective Life Corporation ("PLC"). Unless the context otherwise requires, "we," "us," or "our" refers to the consolidated group of Protective Life Insurance Company and our subsidiaries.

We operate several business segments, each having a strategic focus. An operating segment is generally distinguished by products and/or channels of distribution. We periodically evaluate our operating segments in light of the segment reporting requirements prescribed by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 131, *Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information*, and makes adjustments to our segment reporting as needed.

In the following discussion, segment operating income is defined as income before income tax excluding net realized investment gains and losses (net of the related amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs ("DAC") and value of business acquired ("VOBA") and participating income from real estate ventures), and the cumulative effect of change in accounting principle. Periodic settlements of derivatives associated with corporate debt and certain investments and annuity products are included in realized gains and losses but are considered part of segment operating income because the derivatives are used to mitigate risk in items affecting segment operating income. Management believes that segment operating income provides relevant and useful information to investors, as it represents the basis on which the performance of our business is internally assessed. Although the items excluded from segment operating income may be significant components in understanding and assessing our overall financial performance, management believes that segment operating income enhances an investor's understanding of our results of operations by highlighting the income (loss) attributable to the normal, recurring operations of our business. However, segment operating income should not be viewed as a substitute for accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") net income. In addition, our segment operating income measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

Our operating segments are Life Marketing, Acquisitions, Annuities, Stable Value Products, Asset Protection, and Corporate and Other.

- **Life Marketing** - We market level premium term insurance ("traditional life"), universal life ("UL"), variable universal life, and bank owned life insurance ("BOLI") products on a national basis primarily

through networks of independent insurance agents and brokers, stockbrokers, and independent marketing organizations. For the year ended December 31, 2007, our Life Marketing segment had operating income of \$166.6 million.

- **Acquisitions** - We focus on acquiring, converting, and servicing policies acquired from other companies. The segment's primary focus is on life insurance policies and annuity products sold to individuals. In the ordinary course of business, the Acquisitions segment regularly considers acquisitions of blocks of policies or smaller insurance companies. The level of the segment's acquisition activity is predicated upon many factors, including available capital, operating capacity, and market dynamics. Policies acquired through the Acquisition segment are typically "closed" blocks of business (no new policies are being marketed). Therefore, earnings and account values are expected to decline as the result of lapses, deaths, and other terminations of coverage unless new acquisitions are made. We completed our acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group during the third quarter of 2006, which consisted of five insurance companies that manufacture and administer traditional life insurance and annuity products and four related non-insurance companies (which collectively are referred to as the "Chase Insurance Group"). The Chase Insurance Group's results of operations are included in our consolidated results of operations beginning July 3, 2006. For the year ended December 31, 2007, our Acquisitions segment had operating income of \$129.2 million.
- **Annuities** - We manufacture, sell, and support fixed and variable annuity products. These products are primarily sold through broker-dealers, but are also sold through financial institutions and independent agents and brokers. For the year ended December 31, 2007, our Annuities segment had operating income of \$21.1 million.
- **Stable Value Products** - We sell guaranteed funding agreement ("GFAs") to special purpose entities that in turn issue notes or certificates in smaller, transferable denominations. The segment also markets fixed and floating rate funding agreements directly to the trustees of municipal bond proceeds, institutional investors, bank trust departments, and money market funds. Additionally, the segment markets guaranteed investment contracts ("GICs") to 401(k) and other qualified retirement savings plans. For the year ended December 31, 2007, our Stable Value Products segment had operating income of \$50.2 million.
- **Asset Protection** - We primarily market extended service contracts and credit life and disability insurance to protect consumers' investments in automobiles, watercraft, and recreational vehicles. In addition, the segment markets a guaranteed asset protection ("GAP") product and an inventory protection product ("IPP"). On July 14, 2006, we completed our acquisition of the vehicle extended service contract business of Western General. Western General is headquartered in Calabasas, California and is a provider of vehicle service contracts nationally, focusing primarily on the west coast market. In addition, Western General currently provides extended service contract administration for several automobile manufacturers and provides used car service contracts for a publicly-traded national dealership group. Western General's results of operations are included in our Asset Protection segment's results beginning on July 1, 2006. For the year ended December 31, 2007, our Asset Protection segment had operating income of \$29.5 million.
- **Corporate and Other** - This segment primarily consists of net investment income and expenses not attributable to the segments above (including net investment income on capital and interest on debt). This segment also includes earnings from several non-strategic lines of business (primarily cancer insurance, residual value insurance, surety insurance, and group annuities), various investment-related transactions, and the operations of several small subsidiaries. For the year ended December 31, 2007, our Corporate and Other segment had operating income of \$4.8 million.

### **Revenues and expenses**

Our revenues consist primarily of:

- net premiums earned on insurance policies;
- net investment income and net investment gains (losses); and

- policy fees and other income, including mortality and surrender charges related primarily to UL insurance policies, investment management fees and commissions, and fees from contract underwriting services.

Our expenses principally consist of:

- benefits provided to policyholders and contract holders;
- interest credited on general account balances; dividends to policyholders; and
- operating expenses, including commissions and other costs of selling and servicing the various products we sell, marketing expenses, policy and contract servicing costs and other general business expenses.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In a year that presented numerous challenges for the financial services industry, we achieved growth in operating earnings for 2007 of approximately 11.7%, driven primarily by our Acquisitions and Asset Protection segments.

The interest rate environment represented a significant challenge during 2007. Historically low interest rates continued to create challenges for our products that generate investment spread profits, such as fixed annuities and stable value contracts. However, active management of crediting rates on these products allowed us to minimize spread compression effects.

Strong competitive pressures on pricing, particularly in our life insurance business, continued to present a challenge from a new sales perspective. However, our continued focus on delivering value to consumers and broadening our base of distribution allowed for solid product sales during the year.

The completion of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition in July 2006 represents the most significant acquisition in our history. This acquisition provided access to a bank distribution channel for our fixed annuity sales and created significant success in this area during 2007.

Increasing costs of reinsurance continues to present challenges from both a new product pricing and capital management perspective. In response to these challenges, during 2005 we reduced our reliance on reinsurance by changing from coinsurance to yearly renewable term reinsurance and increased the maximum amount retained on any one life from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 on certain of our newly written traditional life products. Our maximum retention for newly issued universal life products is \$1,000,000. During 2008, the Company increased its retention limit to \$2,000,000 on certain of its traditional life products.

During 2005 and 2007, we entered into securitization structures to fund the additional statutory reserves required as a result of the Valuation of Life Insurance Policies Regulation ("Regulation XXX"). The securitization structure results in a reduction of current taxes and a corresponding increase in deferred taxes as compared to the previous result obtained in using traditional reinsurance. The benefit of reduced current taxes is attributed to the applicable life products and is an important component of the profitability of these products. In addition to the fluctuations in premiums and benefits and settlement expenses, earnings emerge more slowly under a securitization structure relative to the previous reinsurance structure. Additionally, Actuarial Guideline 38, also known as AXXX, sets forth the reserve requirements for universal life insurance with secondary guarantees ("ULSG"). These requirements increase the reserve levels required for many ULSG products, and potentially make those products more expensive and less competitive as compared to other products including term and whole life products. To the extent that the additional reserves are generally considered to be economically redundant, capital market or other financing solutions may emerge to reduce the impact of the amendment. During 2007, we entered into a securitization structure to fund the additional statutory reserves required as a result of Actuarial Guideline 38. Through December 31, 2007, we have issued an aggregate amount of approximately \$1.4 billion of non-recourse funding obligations to fund the statutory reserves required as a result of Regulation XXX.

Significant financial information related to each of our segments is as follows:

- Operating earnings from the Life Marketing segment decreased \$5.7 million, or 3.3%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006 due to favorable unlocking in 2006 and lower allocated investment income as a result of the universal life securitization transaction in 2007, offsetting favorable mortality results. The segment continued to focus on strengthening its relationships with high quality distributors of life insurance products. An increase in retention levels on certain newly written traditional life products during 2005 allowed the segment to improve its competitive position with respect to these products, resulting in increased sales of traditional life products in 2006 and 2007. Sales of universal life products remained flat in 2007, as we responded to the higher reserve levels required under Actuarial Guideline 38 ("AG38") by implementing structural product changes on certain UL products.
- Operating earnings from the Acquisitions segment increased \$24.7 million, or 23.6%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006 due to the completion of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition during the third quarter of 2006. This acquisition contributed \$58.6 million to 2007's operating earnings, compared to a contribution of \$29.0 million to 2006's operating earnings. This transaction consisted of the acquisition from JP Morgan Chase & Co. of the stock of five life insurance companies that manufacture and distribute traditional life insurance and annuities and the stock of four related non-insurance companies. Our acquisition capabilities have historically given us a unique competitive advantage. Policies acquired through the Acquisitions segment are typically "closed" blocks of business, so unless new acquisitions are made, earnings are expected to decline as a result of lapses, deaths, and other terminations in the closed blocks.
- Operating earnings from the Annuities segment declined \$1.9 million, or 8.3%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006 primarily due to unfavorable mortality results and a tightening of spreads in the immediate annuity line. Offsetting these unfavorable results were increases in operating income in the market value adjusted annuity line and the single premium deferred annuity line. The increase in the market value adjusted annuity line was due to favorable DAC unlocking, slightly offset by a decline in spread. The single premium deferred annuity line of business was added in the third quarter of 2006 and only had two quarters of results in the prior year compared to a full year in 2007. Operating income was also favorably impacted in 2007 compared to the prior year by increasing account values. Additionally, during 2007, the segment experienced unfavorable fair value changes (net of DAC amortization) in the equity indexed annuity and variable annuity product lines of \$3.3 million.
- Operating earnings from the Stable Value Products segment increased \$3.2 million, or 6.7%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006 primarily due to an increased operating spread, which was partially offset by a decline in average account values. The segment continually reviews its investment portfolio for opportunities to increase the net investment income yield in an effort to maintain or increase interest spread. We expect operating earnings for this segment to stabilize as we continue to access the institutional funding agreement-backed note market while focusing on maintaining higher yielding investments and reducing liability costs.
- Operating earnings from the Asset Protection segment increased \$21.7 million, or 279.1%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. 2006 results included bad debt charges of \$27.1 million in the discontinued Lender's Indemnity product line. The service contract line declined \$3.3 million including a negative impact of \$7.6 million resulting from the sale in the fourth quarter 2006 of all outstanding stock of First Protection Corporation to PLC. Somewhat offsetting the impact of the sale, were improved loss ratios and higher service contract volume. The credit insurance line increased \$3.9 million due to lower expenses and improved loss ratios. The other product lines declined \$6.5 million primarily due to lower volume and higher loss ratios in the IPP line.
- Corporate and Other segment operating income was consistent with the prior year, reflecting operating income of \$4.8 million in 2007 and 2006. The segment experienced higher interest expense resulting from increased borrowings, which was offset by higher net investment income. The increase in interest expense is primarily due to the issuance of non-recourse funding obligations to fund statutory reserves required by Regulation XXX

and AXXX. The overall performance of our investment portfolio continued to be strong, with no significant credit issues in either the securities or mortgage portfolio.

## **KNOWN TRENDS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The factors which could affect our future results include, but are not limited to, general economic conditions and the following known trends and uncertainties:

### *General*

- exposure to the risks of natural disasters, pandemics, malicious, and terrorist acts that could adversely affect our operations;
- computer viruses or network security breaches could affect our data processing systems or those of our business partners and could damage our business and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations;
- actual experience may differ from management's assumptions and estimates and negatively affect our results;
- we may not realize our anticipated financial results from our acquisitions strategy;
- we may not be able to achieve the expected results from our recent acquisition;
- we are dependent on the performance of others;
- our risk management policies and procedures may leave us exposed to unidentified or unanticipated risk, which could negatively affect our business or result in losses;

### *Financial environment*

- interest rate fluctuations could negatively affect our spread income or otherwise impact our business;
- our investments are subject to market and credit risks;
- equity market volatility could negatively impact our business;
- credit market volatility or the inability to access financing solutions could adversely impact our financial condition or results from operations;
- our ability to grow depends in large part upon the continued availability of capital;
- we could be forced to sell investments at a loss to cover policyholder withdrawals;

### *Industry*

- insurance companies are highly regulated and subject to numerous legal restrictions and regulations;
- changes to tax law or interpretations of existing tax law could adversely affect our ability to compete with non-insurance products or reduce the demand for certain insurance products;
- financial services companies are frequently the targets of litigation, including class action litigation, which could result in substantial judgments;
- publicly held companies in general and the financial services industry in particular are sometimes the target of law enforcement investigations and the focus of increased regulatory scrutiny;
- new accounting rules or changes to existing accounting rules could negatively impact us;
- reinsurance introduces variability in our statements of income;
- our reinsurers could fail to meet assumed obligations, increase rates or be subject to adverse developments that could affect us;
- fluctuating policy claims from period to period resulting in earnings volatility;

### *Competition*

- operating in a mature, highly competitive industry could limit our ability to gain or maintain our position in the industry and negatively affect profitability;
- our ability to maintain competitive unit costs is dependent upon the level of new sales and persistency of existing business; and
- a ratings downgrade could adversely affect our ability to compete.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Our accounting policies inherently require the use of judgments relating to a variety of assumptions and estimates, in particular expectations of current and future mortality, morbidity, persistency, expenses, and interest rates. Because of the inherent uncertainty when using the assumptions and estimates, the effect of certain accounting policies under different conditions or assumptions could be materially different from those reported in the consolidated financial statements. A discussion of the various critical accounting policies is presented below.

**Valuation of investment securities** - Determining whether a decline in the current fair value of invested assets is an other than temporary decline in value can involve a variety of assumptions and estimates, particularly for investments that are not actively traded in established markets. For example, assessing the value of certain investments requires that we perform an analysis of expected future cash flows or rates of prepayments. Other investments, such as collateralized mortgage or bond obligations, represent selected tranches of a structured transaction, supported in the aggregate by underlying investments in a wide variety of issuers. Management considers a number of factors when determining the impairment status of individual securities. These include the economic condition of various industry segments and geographic locations and other areas of identified risks. Although it is possible for the impairment of one investment to affect other investments, we engage in ongoing risk management to safeguard against and limit any further risk to its investment portfolio. Special attention is given to correlative risks within specific industries, related parties, and business markets. We generally consider a number of factors in determining whether the impairment is other than temporary. These include, but are not limited to: 1) actions taken by rating agencies, 2) default by the issuer, 3) the significance of the decline, 4) the intent and ability to hold the investment until recovery, 5) the time period during which the decline has occurred, 6) an economic analysis of the issuer's industry, and 7) the financial strength, liquidity, and recoverability of the issuer. Management performs a security-by-security review each quarter in evaluating the need for any other-than-temporary impairments. Although no set formula is used in this process, the investment performance, collateral position, and continued viability of the issuer are significant measures considered. Our specific accounting policies related to our invested assets are discussed in Note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*, and Note 4, *Investment Operations*, to the Consolidated Financial Statements. As of December 31, 2007, we held \$19.4 billion of available-for-sale investments, including \$9.7 billion in investments with a gross unrealized loss of \$391.3 million.

**Derivatives** - We utilize derivative transactions primarily in order to reduce our exposure to interest rate risk, inflation risk, equity market risk, and currency exchange risk. Assessing the effectiveness of the hedging programs and evaluating the carrying values of the related derivatives often involve a variety of assumptions and estimates. We employ a variety of methods for determining the fair value of our derivative instruments. The fair values of swaps, interest rate swaptions, and options are based upon industry standard models which calculate the present-value of the projected cash flows of the derivatives using current and implied future market conditions. These models include estimated volatility and interest rates in the determination of fair value where quoted market values are not available. The use of different assumptions may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts, as well as the amount of reported net income. In addition, measurements of ineffectiveness of hedging relationships are subject to interpretations and estimations, and any differences may result in material changes to our results of operations. As of December 31, 2007, the fair value of derivatives reported on our balance sheet in "other long-term investments" and "other liabilities" was \$27.9 million and \$59.7 million, respectively.

**Reinsurance** - For each of our reinsurance contracts, we must determine if the contract provides indemnification against loss or liability relating to insurance risk, in accordance with applicable accounting standards. We must review all contractual features, particularly those that may limit the amount of insurance risk to which we are subject or features that delay the timely reimbursement of claims. If we determine that the possibility of a significant loss from insurance risk will occur only under remote circumstances, we record the contract under a deposit method of accounting with the net amount payable/receivable reflected in other reinsurance assets or liabilities on our consolidated balance sheets. Fees earned on the contracts are reflected as other revenues, as opposed to premiums, on our consolidated statements of income.

The balance of the reinsurance is due from a diverse group of reinsurers. The collectibility of reinsurance is largely a function of the solvency of the individual reinsurers. We perform periodic credit reviews on our reinsurers, focusing on, among other things, financial capacity, stability, trends and commitment to the reinsurance business. We also require assets in trust, letters of credit or other acceptable collateral to support balances due from reinsurers not

authorized to transact business in the applicable jurisdictions. Despite these measures, a reinsurer's insolvency, inability or unwillingness to make payments under the terms of a reinsurance contract, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. As of December 31, 2007 our third-party reinsurance receivables amounted to \$5.0 billion. These amounts include ceded reserve balances and ceded benefit payments.

**Deferred acquisition costs and Value of business acquired** - We incur significant costs in connection with acquiring new insurance business. These costs, which vary with and are primarily related to the production of new business and coinsurance of blocks of policies, are deferred. The recovery of such costs is dependent on the future profitability of the related policies. The amount of future profit is dependent principally on investment returns, mortality, morbidity, persistency, and expenses to administer the business and certain economic variables, such as inflation. These costs are amortized over the expected lives of the contracts, based on the level and timing of either gross profits or gross premiums, depending on the type of contract. Revisions to estimates result in changes to the amounts expensed in the reporting period in which the revisions are made and could result in the impairment of the asset and a charge to income if estimated future profits are less than the unamortized deferred amounts. As of December 31, 2007, we had DAC/VOBA of \$3.3 billion.

We had a DAC/VOBA asset of approximately \$191.3 million related to our variable annuity product line with an account balance of \$4.3 billion as of December 31, 2007. These amounts include \$57.7 million and \$1.4 billion, respectively, of DAC/VOBA asset and account balances associated with the variable annuity business of the Chase insurance Group which has been 100% reinsured to Commonwealth Annuity and Life Insurance Company (formerly known as Allmerica Financial Life Insurance and Annuity Company) ("CALIC"), under a modified coinsurance agreement. We monitor the rate of amortization of DAC/VOBA associated with our variable annuity product line. Our monitoring methodologies employ varying assumptions about how much and how quickly the stock markets will appreciate. The primary assumptions used to project future profits as part of the analysis include: a long-term equity market growth rate of 8%, reversion to the mean methodology with a reversion to the mean with no cap, reversion to the mean period of 6 years, and an amortization period of 25 years. A recovery in equity markets, or the use of methodologies and assumptions that anticipate a recovery, results in lower amounts of amortization, and a worsening of equity markets results in higher amounts of amortization. We periodically review and update as appropriate our key assumptions including future mortality, expenses, lapses, premium persistency, investment yields and interest spreads. Changes to these assumptions result in adjustments which increase or decrease DAC amortization. The periodic review and updating of assumptions is referred to as "unlocking".

**Goodwill** - Accounting for goodwill requires an estimate of the future profitability of the associated lines of business. Goodwill is tested for impairment at least annually. We evaluate the carrying value of goodwill during the fourth quarter of each year and between annual evaluations if events occur or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of the reporting unit below its carrying amount. Such circumstances could include, but are not limited to: (1) a significant adverse change in legal factors or in business climate, (2) unanticipated competition, or (3) an adverse action or assessment by a regulator. When evaluating whether goodwill is impaired, we compare the fair value of the reporting unit to which the goodwill is assigned to the reporting unit's carrying amount, including goodwill. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, we evaluated our goodwill and determined that the fair value had not decreased below the carrying value and no adjustment to impair goodwill was necessary in accordance with SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. As of December 31, 2007, we had goodwill of \$92.6 million.

**Insurance liabilities and reserves** - Establishing an adequate liability for our obligations to policyholders requires the use of assumptions. Estimating liabilities for future policy benefits on life and health insurance products requires the use of assumptions relative to future investment yields, mortality, morbidity, persistency and other assumptions based on our historical experience, modified as necessary to reflect anticipated trends and to include provisions for possible adverse deviation. Determining liabilities for our property and casualty insurance products also requires the use of assumptions, including the projected levels of used vehicle prices, the frequency and severity of claims, and the effectiveness of internal processes designed to reduce the level of claims. Our results depend significantly upon the extent to which our actual claims experience is consistent with the assumptions we used in determining our reserves and pricing our products. Our reserve assumptions and estimates require significant judgment and, therefore, are inherently uncertain. We cannot determine with precision the ultimate amounts that we will pay for actual claims or the timing of those payments. In addition, effective January 1, 2007, we adopted SFAS No. 155, *Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments – an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140*, related to our equity indexed annuity product. SFAS No. 155 requires that we fair value the liability related to this block of

business at each balance sheet date, with changes in the fair value recorded through earnings. Changes in this liability may be significantly affected by interest rate fluctuations. As of December 31, 2007, we had total policy liabilities and accruals of \$17.4 billion.

**Guaranteed minimum death benefits** - We also establish liabilities for guaranteed minimum death benefits ("GMDB") on our variable annuity products. The methods used to estimate the liabilities employ assumptions about mortality and the performance of equity markets. We assume mortality of 65% of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners 1994 Variable Annuity GMDB Mortality Table. Future declines in the equity market would increase our GMDB liability. Differences between the actual experience and the assumptions used result in variances in profit and could result in losses. Our GMDB as of December 31, 2007, are subject to a dollar-for-dollar reduction upon withdrawal of related annuity deposits on contracts issued prior to January 1, 2003. As of December 31, 2007, our net GMDB liability held was \$0.6 million.

**Guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefits** - We also establish liabilities for guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefits ("GMWB") on our variable annuity products. The GMWB is valued in accordance with SFAS No. 133 which requires the liability to be marked-to-market using current implied volatilities for the equity indices. The methods used to estimate the liabilities employ assumptions, primarily about mortality and lapses, equity market and interest returns and market volatility. We assume mortality of 65% of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners 1994 Variable Annuity GMDB Mortality Table. Differences between the actual experience and the assumptions used result in variances in profit and could result in losses.

**Pension Benefits** - Determining our obligations to employees under PLC's defined benefit pension plan requires the use of estimates. The calculation of the liability related to PLC's defined benefit pension plan requires assumptions regarding the appropriate weighted average discount rate, estimated rate of increase in the compensation of its employees and the expected long-term rate of return on the plan's assets. See Note 12, *Shareowners' Equity and Stock-Based Compensation*, to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on this plan.

**Stock-Based Payments** - Accounting for other stock-based compensation plans may require the use of option pricing models to estimate PLC's obligations. Assumptions used in such models relate to equity market volatility, the risk-free interest rate at the date of grant, expected dividend rates, as well as expected exercise dates. See Note 12, *Shareowners' Equity and Stock-Based Compensation*, to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on this plan.

**Deferred taxes and uncertain tax positions** - Deferred federal income taxes arise from the recognition of temporary differences between the basis of assets and liabilities determined for financial reporting purposes and the basis determined for income tax purposes. Such temporary differences are principally related to the marking to market value of investment assets, the deferral of policy acquisition costs, and the provision for future policy benefits and expenses. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the enacted tax rates expected to be in effect when such benefits are realized. Under U.S. GAAP, we test the value of deferred tax assets for impairment on a quarterly basis at the taxpaying component level within each tax jurisdiction, consistent with our filed tax returns. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance if, based on the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not that some portion, or all, of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. In determining the need for a valuation allowance we consider carryback capacity, reversal of existing temporary differences, future taxable income, and tax planning strategies. The determination of the allowance for our deferred tax assets requires management to make certain judgments and assumptions regarding future operations that are based on our historical experience and our expectations of future performance. FASB Interpretation ("FIN") No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an Interpretation of FASB Statement 109* prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of an income tax position taken or expected to be taken in an income tax return and provides guidance on disclosure. Additionally, this interpretation requires, in order for us to recognize a benefit in our financial statements from a given tax return position, that there must be a greater than 50 percent chance of success with the relevant taxing authority with regard to that tax position. In making this analysis, we must assume that the taxing authority is fully informed of all of the facts regarding this issue. Our judgments and assumptions are subject to change given the inherent uncertainty in predicting future performance, which is impacted by such things as policyholder behavior, competitor pricing, new product introductions, and specific industry and market conditions.

**Contingent liabilities** - The assessment of potential obligations for tax, regulatory, and litigation matters inherently involves a variety of estimates of potential future outcomes. We make such estimates after consultation with our advisors and a review of available facts. However, there can be no assurance that future outcomes will not differ from management's assessments.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table presents a summary of results and reconciles segment operating income to consolidated net income:

|  | For The Year Ended December 31, |            |            | Change |        |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|------------|--------|--------|
|  | 2007                            | 2006       | 2005       | 2007   | 2006   |
|  | (Dollars In Thousands)          |            |            |        |        |
| <b>Segment Operating Income</b>                    |                                 |            |            |        |        |
| Life Marketing                                     | \$ 166,552                      | \$ 172,247 | \$ 161,858 | (3.3)% | 6.4%   |
| Acquisitions                                       | 129,247                         | 104,534    | 80,721     | 23.6   | 29.5   |
| Annuities  | 21,102                          | 23,014     | 30,792     | (8.3)  | (25.3) |
| Stable Value Products                              | 50,231                          | 47,073     | 54,798     | 6.7    | (14.1) |
| Asset Protection                                   | 29,525                          | 7,788      | 23,991     | 279.1  | (67.5) |
| Corporate and Other                                | 4,784                           | 4,761      | 39,056     | 0.5    | (87.8) |
| Total segment operating income                     | 401,441                         | 359,417    | 391,216    | 11.7   | (8.1)  |
| Realized investment gain (losses) - investments(1) | (5,283)                         | 79,166     | 4,344      |        |        |
| Realized investment gain (losses) - derivatives(2) | (202)                           | (18,835)   | (34,345)   |        |        |
| Income tax expense                                 | (143,523)                       | (154,865)  | (125,559)  |        |        |
| Net income   | \$ 252,433                      | \$ 264,883 | \$ 235,656 | (4.7)  | 12.4   |

|  |            |             |             |  |        |
|--|------------|-------------|-------------|--|--------|
| (1) Realized investment gains (losses) - investments | 4,804      | 101,864     | 37,934      |  |        |
| Less: participating income from real estate ventures | 6,857      | 13,494      | 8,684       |  |        |
| Less: related amortization of DAC                    |            | 3,230       | 9,204       |  | 24,906 |
|  | \$ (5,283) | \$ 79,166   | \$ 4,344    |  |        |
| (2) Realized investment gains (losses) - derivatives | \$ (274)   | (21,555)    | (31,819)    |  |        |
| Less: settlements on certain interest rate swaps     | (4)        | 27          | 2,877       |  |        |
| Less: derivative losses related to certain annuities | (68)       | (2,747)     | (351)       |  |        |
|  | \$ (202)   | \$ (18,835) | \$ (34,345) |  |        |

### 2007 compared to 2006

Net income for the year ended December 31, 2007 reflects a \$42.0 million, or 11.7%, increase in segment operating income compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily related to a \$21.7 million increase in operating earnings in the Asset Protection segment resulting from a \$27.1 million bad debt charge that occurred during 2006, a \$24.7 million increase in the Acquisitions segment resulting primarily from the prior year acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group. Net realized investment losses were \$5.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to net realized investment gains of \$60.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, a decrease of \$65.8 million, or 109.1%. Following the acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group, the investment portfolio associated with that acquisition was rebalanced to conform to our overall investment and asset/liability matching strategies, resulting in an increase in realized investment gains for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2007.

- Life Marketing segment operating income was \$166.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, representing a decrease of \$5.7 million, or 3.3%, from the year ended December 31, 2006. The decrease was primarily due to \$14 million of favorable unlocking that occurred in the second quarter of 2006, which was partially offset by favorable mortality results.

- Acquisitions segment operating income was \$129.2 million, and increased \$24.7 million, or 23.6%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was due primarily to the acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group completed in the third quarter of 2006. This acquisition contributed \$58.6 million to the Acquisition segment's operating income for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to \$29.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.
- Annuities segment operating income was \$21.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, representing a decrease of \$1.9 million, or 8.3%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. This decline was primarily the result of unfavorable mortality results and a tightening of spreads in the immediate annuity line. Offsetting the unfavorable results were increases in operating income in the market value adjusted annuity line and the single premium deferred annuity line. The increase in the market value adjusted annuity line was due to favorable DAC unlocking, slightly offset by a decline in spread. The single premium deferred annuity line of business was added in the third quarter of 2006 and only had two quarters of results in the prior year compared to a full year in 2007. Operating income was also favorably impacted in 2007 compared to the prior year by increasing account values. Additionally, during 2007, the segment experienced unfavorable fair value changes (net of DAC amortization) in the equity indexed annuity and variable annuity product lines of \$3.3 million.
- Stable Value Products segment operating income was \$50.2 million, and increased \$3.2 million, or 6.7%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was the result of an increase in operating spreads, partially offset by a decline in average account values.
- Asset Protection segment operating income was \$29.5 million, representing an increase of \$21.7 million, or 279.1%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily the result of bad debt charges of \$27.1 million in 2006. These charges related to the Lenders Indemnity product line the Company is no longer marketing. Favorable results from the service contract line are also contributing to the increase in operating earnings and are partially offset by unfavorable results from other product lines.
- Corporate and Other segment operating income was consistent with the prior year. The segment experienced higher interest expense resulting from increased borrowings, which was offset by higher net investment income. The increase in interest expense is primarily due to the issuance of non-recourse funding obligations to fund statutory reserves required by Regulation XXX and AXXX.

#### *2006 compared to 2005*

Net income for the year ended December 31, 2006 reflects net realized investment gains (compared to net losses in 2005), partially offset by lower overall segment operating income. Net realized investment gains were \$60.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to net realized investment losses of \$30.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, a favorable change of \$90.3 million. Following the acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group, the investment portfolio associated with that acquisition was rebalanced to conform to our overall investment and asset/liability matching strategies, resulting in an increase in realized investment gains for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005.

- Life Marketing's operating income increased due to growth in business in-force and favorable DAC unlocking.
- Earnings in the Acquisitions segment increased 29.5% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the prior year, as a result of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition which was completed effective July 3, 2006, and which contributed \$29.0 million to the segment's operating income for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase resulting from this acquisition was partially offset by the normal runoff of the segment's previously acquired closed blocks of business.
- Earnings in the Annuities segment were down for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005 due to favorable DAC unlocking in 2005 that increased prior year earnings by \$16.2 million. Excluding the DAC unlocking, Annuities segment earnings increased 60.4% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, due to increasing account values, higher interest spreads, and improvement in the equity markets.

- Spread compression caused by higher short term interest rates combined with slightly lower average account values resulted in a decline in earnings in the Stable Value Products segment.
- The Asset Protection segment's continued focus on pricing and underwriting initiatives continue to yield steady reductions in loss ratios in all core product lines. Excluding the \$27.1 million impact of bad debt charges in the Lender's Indemnity product the segment is no longer marketing, operating income for the Asset Protection Segment increased 45.4% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005 due to these improved loss ratios and continued expense management.
- Lower investment income resulting from a decrease in unallocated capital, lower participating income and prepayment fees from mortgages and real estate, and higher interest expense caused the decline in operating income for the Corporate and Other segment for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005.

## RESULTS BY BUSINESS SEGMENT

In the following segment discussions, various statistics and other key data we use to evaluate our segments are presented. Sales statistics are used to measure the relative progress in our marketing efforts, but may or may not have an immediate impact on reported segment operating income. Sales data for traditional life insurance are based on annualized premiums, while universal life sales are based on annualized planned (target) premiums plus 6% of amounts received in excess of target premiums and 10% of single premiums. Sales of annuities are measured based on the amount of deposits received. Stable value contract sales are measured at the time that the funding commitment is made based on the amount of deposit to be received. Sales within the Asset Protection segment are generally based on the amount of single premium and fees received.

Sales and life insurance in-force amounts are derived from our various sales tracking and administrative systems, and are not derived from our financial reporting systems or financial statements.

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#### *Segment results of operations*

Segment results were as follows:

|   | For The Year Ended December 31, |                   |                   | Change       |            |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|
|   | 2007                            | 2006              | 2005              | 2007         | 2006       |
| (Dollars In Thousands)                            |                                 |                   |                   |              |            |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                   |                                 |                   |                   |              |            |
| Gross premiums and policy fees                    | \$ 1,453,027                    | \$ 1,327,865      | \$ 1,190,623      | 9.4%         | 11.5%      |
| Reinsurance ceded                                 | (913,250)                       | (906,590)         | (902,055)         | 0.7          | 0.5        |
| Net premiums and policy fees                      | 539,777                         | 421,275           | 288,568           | 28.1         | 46.0       |
| Net investment income                             | 323,536                         | 306,898           | 260,914           | 5.4          | 17.6       |
| Other income                                      | 1,073                           | 4,006             | 1,035             | (73.2)       | 287.1      |
| Total operating revenues                          | 864,386                         | 732,179           | 550,517           | 18.1         | 33.0       |
| <b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>                      |                                 |                   |                   |              |            |
| Benefits and settlement expenses                  | 635,063                         | 535,940           | 392,448           | 18.5         | 36.6       |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs | 106,094                         | 60,227            | 55,688            | 76.2         | 8.2        |
| Other operating expenses                          | (43,323)                        | (36,235)          | (59,477)          | 19.6         | (39.1)     |
| Total benefits and expenses                       | 697,834                         | 559,932           | 388,659           | 24.6         | 44.1       |
| <b>OPERATING INCOME</b>                           | <b>166,552</b>                  | <b>172,247</b>    | <b>161,858</b>    | <b>(3.3)</b> | <b>6.4</b> |
| <b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>                   | <b>\$ 166,552</b>               | <b>\$ 172,247</b> | <b>\$ 161,858</b> | <b>(3.3)</b> | <b>6.4</b> |

The following table summarizes key data for the Life Marketing segment:

|   | For The Year Ended December 31, |                       |                       | Change |        |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|
|   | 2007                            | 2006                  | 2005                  | 2007   | 2006   |
|   | (Dollars In Thousands)          |                       |                       |        |        |
| <b>Sales By Product</b>                         |                                 |                       |                       |        |        |
| Traditional                                     | \$ 145,317                      | \$ 145,380            | \$ 123,882            | (0.0)% | 17.4%  |
| Universal life                                  | 75,763                          | 75,715                | 165,368               | 0.1    | (54.2) |
| Variable universal life                         | 7,685                           | 6,524                 | 5,465                 | 17.8   | 19.4   |
|   | <u>\$ 228,765</u>               | <u>\$ 227,619</u>     | <u>\$ 294,715</u>     | 0.5    | (22.8) |
| <b>Sales By Distribution Channel</b>            |                                 |                       |                       |        |        |
| Brokerage general agents                        | \$ 138,258                      | \$ 133,995            | \$ 140,575            | 3.2    | (4.7)  |
| Independent agents                              | 39,261                          | 40,762                | 75,564                | (3.7)  | (46.1) |
| Stockbrokers/banks                              | 36,356                          | 35,748                | 65,967                | 1.7    | (45.8) |
| BOLI / other                                    | 14,890                          | 17,114                | 12,609                | (13.0) | 35.7   |
|   | <u>\$ 228,765</u>               | <u>\$ 227,619</u>     | <u>\$ 294,715</u>     | 0.5    | (22.8) |
| <b>Average Life Insurance In-Force(1)</b>       |                                 |                       |                       |        |        |
| Traditional                                     | \$ 432,662,417                  | \$ 380,212,243        | \$ 340,799,613        | 13.8   | 11.6   |
| Universal Life                                  | 52,607,678                      | 50,296,333            | 45,366,295            | 4.6    | 10.9   |
|   | <u>\$ 485,270,095</u>           | <u>\$ 430,508,576</u> | <u>\$ 386,165,908</u> | 12.7   | 11.5   |
| <b>Average Account Values</b>                   |                                 |                       |                       |        |        |
| Universal life                                  | \$ 5,001,487                    | \$ 4,744,606          | \$ 4,110,434          | 5.4    | 15.4   |
| Variable universal life                         | 335,447                         | 277,988               | 230,412               | 20.7   | 20.6   |
|   | <u>\$ 5,336,934</u>             | <u>\$ 5,022,594</u>   | <u>\$ 4,340,846</u>   | 6.3    | 15.7   |
| <b>Traditional Life Mortality Experience(2)</b> | \$ 8,701                        | \$ (5,493)            | \$ (1,166)            |        |        |
| <b>Universal Life Mortality Experience(2)</b>   | \$ 3,453                        | \$ 1,577              | \$ 1,704              |        |        |

(1) Amounts are not adjusted for reinsurance ceded.

(2) Represents the estimated pretax earnings impact resulting from mortality variances. Excludes results related to the Chase Insurance Group which was acquired in the third quarter of 2006 and excludes results related to the BOLI product line.

#### Operating expenses detail

Certain reclassifications have been made in the previously reported amounts to make the prior period amounts comparable to those of the current period. Such reclassifications had no effect on previously reported total operating expenses. Other operating expenses for the segment were as follows:

|   | For The Year Ended December 31, |                    |                    | Change |         |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|---------|
|   | 2007                            | 2006               | 2005               | 2007   | 2006    |
|   | (Dollars In Thousands)          |                    |                    |        |         |
| First year commissions                                  | \$ 262,054                      | \$ 249,484         | \$ 339,899         | 5.0%   | (26.6)% |
| Renewal commissions                                     | 37,768                          | 37,308             | 33,218             | 1.2    | 12.3    |
| Marketing Companies                                     | 609                             | 5,873              | —                  | (89.6) | n/a     |
| First year ceded allowances                             | (18,804)                        | (38,141)           | (119,092)          | (50.7) | (68.0)  |
| Renewal ceding allowances                               | (233,304)                       | (221,092)          | (187,002)          | 5.5    | 18.2    |
| General & administrative                                | 179,920                         | 168,068            | 175,436            | 7.1    | (4.2)   |
| Taxes, licenses and fees                                | 32,928                          | 27,798             | 30,559             | 18.5   | (9.0)   |
| Other operating expenses incurred                       | 261,171                         | 229,298            | 273,018            | 13.9   | (16.0)  |
| Less: commissions, allowances, and expenses capitalized | (304,494)                       | (265,533)          | (332,495)          | 14.7   | (20.1)  |
| <b>Other operating expenses</b>                         | <u>\$ (43,323)</u>              | <u>\$ (36,235)</u> | <u>\$ (59,477)</u> | 19.6   | (39.1)  |

## *2007 compared to 2006*

### *Segment operating income*

Operating income decreased \$5.7 million, or 3.3%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006, primarily the result of reduced investment income allocations associated with the universal life securitization transaction in 2007 and favorable unlocking in 2006, offsetting favorable mortality results.

### *Operating revenues*

Total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2007 increased \$132.2 million, or 18.1%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase was the result of growth of life insurance in-force and an increase in the traditional block which continues to grow leading to higher net premiums and policy fees.

### *Net premiums and policy fees*

Net premiums and policy fees grew by \$118.5 million, or 28.1%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006, due in part to the growth in both traditional and universal life insurance in-force achieved over the last several quarters combined with an increase in retention levels on certain traditional life products. Beginning in the third quarter of 2005, we reduced our reliance on reinsurance by changing from coinsurance to yearly renewable term reinsurance agreements and increased the maximum amount retained on any one life from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 on certain of our newly written traditional life products (products written during the third quarter of 2005 and later.) In addition to increasing net premiums, this change results in higher benefits and settlement expenses, and causes greater variability in financial results due to fluctuations in mortality results. Our maximum retention level for newly issued universal life products is generally \$1,000,000. During 2008, we have increased our retention limit to \$2,000,000 on certain of our traditional life products.

### *Net investment income*

Net investment income in the segment increased \$16.6 million, or 5.4%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase reflects the growth of the segment assets caused by growth related to traditional and universal life products.

### *Other income*

Other income decreased \$2.9 million, or 73.2%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The decrease relates primarily to the decision to end new sales in the direct marketing subsidiary acquired with the Chase companies.

### *Benefits and settlement expenses*

Benefits and settlement expenses were \$99.1 million, or 18.5%, higher for the year ended December 31, 2007 than for the year ended December 31, 2006, due to growth in life insurance in-force, increased retention levels on certain newly written traditional life products and higher credited interest on UL products resulting from increases in account values. The estimated mortality impact on earnings for 2007 related to traditional and universal life products was a favorable \$12.2 million, which was approximately \$16.1 million more favorable than estimated mortality impact on earnings for 2006.

### *Amortization of DAC*

The increase in DAC amortization compared to the prior year was primarily due to growth in the block of business and the related impact of a reduced reliance on reinsurance. In addition, during the second quarter of 2006, an evaluation of DAC, including a review of the underlying assumptions of future mortality, expenses, lapses, premium persistency, investment yields, and interest spreads was performed on our West Coast Life UL product. As a result of this review, assumptions were updated based on actual experience and/or expectations for the future. This change in

assumptions, and resulting adjustment to DAC, referred to as "unlocking", resulted in a favorable adjustment of approximately \$12.6 million, contributing to the increase in 2007 compared to 2006.

#### *Other operating expenses*

Other operating expenses decreased for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The decrease relates primarily to the decision to end new sales in the direct marketing subsidiary acquired with the Chase companies.

#### *Sales*

Sales for the segment increased \$1.1 million, or 0.5%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006, primarily due to an increase of \$1.2 million in variable universal life sales. This increase in variable universal life sales was primarily related to continued growth in VUL sales through the institutional channel. Strong competition in traditional and universal life products caused sales growth to be flat in 2007.

### **2006 compared to 2005**

#### *Segment operating income*

Operating income increased 6.4% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005 primarily due to growth in business in-force as a result of strong sales in prior periods and favorable DAC unlocking of approximately \$14.1 million (see additional discussion of this item below.) The favorable DAC unlocking was partially offset by less favorable estimated mortality impact on earnings of \$3.4 million.

#### *Operating revenues*

The 33.0% increase in total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, was the result of growth of life insurance in-force and average account values, and was partially offset by higher overall benefits and expenses (44.1% higher in 2006 compared to the prior year.) Additionally, during 2005, we entered into a securitization structure which results in earnings emerging more slowly relative to our previous reinsurance structure.

#### *Net premiums and policy fees*

Net premiums and policy fees grew by 46.0% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, due in part to the growth in life insurance in-force achieved over the last several quarters combined with an increase in retention levels on certain newly written traditional life products.

#### *Net investment income*

Net investment income in the segment increased 17.6% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, reflecting the growth of the segment's assets caused by the increase in life reserves, while other income increased 287.1% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. The increase in other income was the result of a direct marketing subsidiary which was acquired in 2006 as a part of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition and contributed \$6.8 million to other income during 2006. This increase in income was primarily offset by additional operating expenses related to this subsidiary of \$5.8 million in 2006.

#### *Benefits and settlement expenses*

Benefits and settlement expenses were 36.6% higher for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, due to growth in life insurance in-force, increased retention levels on certain newly written traditional life products and higher credited interest on UL products resulting from increases in account values. Less favorable mortality experience contributed to the increase in 2006 compared to 2005. The estimated mortality impact on earnings for 2006 was a favorable \$1.4 million, which is \$3.2 million less favorable than estimated mortality impact on earnings for 2005.

### *Amortization of DAC*

Amortization of DAC was 8.2% higher for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, primarily due to the growth in life insurance in-force, partially offset by DAC unlocking. We regularly perform an evaluation of DAC, including a review of the underlying assumptions of future mortality, expenses, lapses, premium persistency, investment yields, and interest spreads. We adjusted DAC on our West Coast Life UL product during the second quarter of 2006, and for our other UL products during the third quarter of 2006. As a result of these reviews, assumptions were updated based on actual experience and/or expectations for the future. These changes in assumptions, and resulting adjustments to DAC, referred to as "unlocking," resulted in favorable adjustments of approximately \$12.6 million during 2006 and unfavorable adjustments of approximately \$1.5 million during 2005.

### *Other operating expenses*

Other operating expenses increased for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, as a result of higher incurred non-deferrable expenses. Amounts capitalized as DAC generally include first year commissions, reinsurance allowances, and other deferrable acquisition expenses. The changes in these amounts generally reflect the trends in sales. Other operating expenses were also increased in 2006 by \$5.8 million related to the direct marketing subsidiary which was acquired in 2006 as a part of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition. Additionally, the first quarter of 2006 included a \$2.1 million true-up of field compensation expenses related to sales in prior periods that increased expense.

### *Sales*

Sales for the segment declined 22.8% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, primarily due to sharp declines in UL sales. Traditional life sales increased 17.4% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. Traditional life sales were negatively impacted during the first half of 2005 as a result of pricing adjustments on certain traditional life products in response to the rising cost of reinsurance. We were able to improve our competitive position with respect to these products in the third quarter of 2005 by reducing our reliance on reinsurance for certain newly written traditional life products. As a result, traditional life sales improved during the second half of 2005, and this upward trend in traditional life sales continued into 2006. The 54.2% decline in UL sales for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005 was the expected result of pricing adjustments on certain UL products in response to the higher reserve levels required under Actuarial Guideline 38 ("AG38"). See additional discussion of AG38 and its impact on certain UL products in the "Recent Developments" section herein. Sales of BOLI business improved for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005.

### *Reinsurance*

Currently, the Life Marketing segment reinsures significant amounts of its life insurance in-force. Pursuant to the underlying reinsurance contracts, reinsurers pay allowances to the segment as a percentage of both first year and renewal premiums. Reinsurance allowances represent the amount the reinsurer is willing to pay for reimbursement of acquisition costs incurred by the direct writer of the business. A more detailed discussion of the accounting for reinsurance allowances can be found in the Reinsurance section of Note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

The following table summarizes reinsurance allowances paid for each period presented, including the portion deferred as a part of DAC and the portion recognized immediately as a reduction of other operating expenses. As the non-deferred portion of reinsurance allowances reduces operating expenses in the period received, these amounts represent a net increase to operating income during that period. The amounts capitalized and earned during 2007, 2006, and 2005 are quantified below:

|   | For The Year Ended December 31, |            |            | Change |         |
|---|---------------------------------|------------|------------|--------|---------|
|   | 2007                            | 2006       | 2005       | 2007   | 2006    |
|   | (Dollars In Thousands)          |            |            |        |         |
| Allowances received   | \$ 252,108                      | \$ 259,233 | \$ 306,094 | (2.7)% | (15.3)% |
| Less: amount deferred   | (113,378)                       | (126,458)  | (168,477)  | (10.3) | (24.9)  |
| Allowances recognized (reduction in other operating expenses) | \$ 138,730                      | \$ 132,775 | \$ 137,617 | 4.5    | (3.5)   |

Non-deferred reinsurance allowances of \$138.7 million, \$132.8 million, and \$137.6 million were recognized in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively, resulting in reductions in operating expenses by these amounts in the same periods. Non-deferred reinsurance allowances increased 4.5% in 2007 and decreased 3.5% in 2006, compared to the prior years. The increase in 2007 was primarily due to growth in the universal life block and resulting increase in earned allowances. The decrease in 2006 was caused by lower allowances associated with recent reinsurance treaties. In general, allowances negotiated with reinsurers have been declining over time as a result of the consolidating reinsurance market.

Reinsurance allowances do not affect the methodology used to amortize DAC or the period over which such DAC is amortized. However, they do affect the amounts recognized as DAC amortization. DAC on SFAS No. 97, *Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises for Certain Long-Duration Contracts and for Realized Gains and Losses from the Sale of Investments* products is amortized based on the estimated gross profits of the policies in force. Reinsurance allowances are considered in the determination of estimated gross profits, and therefore impact SFAS No. 97 DAC amortization. Deferred reinsurance allowances on SFAS No. 60, *Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises* policies are recorded as ceded DAC, which is amortized over estimated ceded premiums of the policies in force. Thus, deferred reinsurance allowances on SFAS No. 60 policies impact SFAS No. 60 DAC amortization.

#### *Ceded premiums and allowances*

The amounts of ceded premium paid and allowances reimbursed by the reinsurer are reflected in the table below:

|                           | For The Year Ended December 31, |            |            | Change |        |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------|--------|--------|
|                           | 2007                            | 2006       | 2005       | 2007   | 2006   |
|                           | (Dollars In Thousands)          |            |            |        |        |
| Ceded premiums            | \$ 913,250                      | \$ 906,590 | \$ 902,055 | 0.7%   | 0.5%   |
| Less: Allowances received | 252,108                         | 259,233    | 306,094    | (2.7)  | (15.3) |
| Net ceded premium         | \$ 661,142                      | \$ 647,357 | \$ 595,961 | 2.1    | 8.6    |

The net ceded premium increased 2.1% in 2007 compared to the prior year, primarily due to growth in the universal life block offsetting decreases in term resulting from small amounts of reinsurance on new business. The move during 2005 to reduce our reliance on reinsurance by entering into a securitization structure to fund certain statutory reserves will ultimately result in a reduction in both ceded premiums and reinsurance allowances received. As reinsurance allowances tend to be highest in the first year of a policy and subsequently decline, for a period of time, the decrease in allowances received will outpace the decrease in ceded premiums, resulting in an increase in net ceded premiums.

The Life Marketing segment's reinsurance programs do not materially impact the other income line of our income statement.

### *Impact of reinsurance*

Reinsurance impacted the Life Marketing segment line items as shown in the following table:

#### **Life Marketing Segment Line Item Impact of Reinsurance**

|   | <b>For The Year Ended December 31,</b> |              |              |
|---|--|--------------|--------------|
|   | <b>2007</b>                            | <b>2006</b>  | <b>2005</b>  |
|   | <b>(Dollars In Thousands)</b>          |              |              |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                   |  |              |              |
| Reinsurance ceded                                 | \$ (913,250)                           | \$ (906,590) | \$ (902,055) |
| <b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>                      |  |              |              |
| Benefit and settlement expenses                   | (985,829)                              | (958,093)    | (912,766)    |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs | (61,050)                               | (49,914)     | (61,231)     |
| Other operating expenses                          | (138,730)                              | (132,775)    | (137,616)    |

The table above does not reflect the impact of reinsurance on our net investment income. By ceding business to the assuming companies, we forgo investment income on the reserves ceded. Conversely, the assuming companies will receive investment income on the reserves assumed which will increase the assuming companies' profitability on the business we cede. The net investment income impact to us and the assuming companies has not been quantified.

Premiums and policy fees ceded had been rising over a number of years with increases in our in force blocks of traditional (primarily term life) and universal life business. Beginning in mid-2005, we changed our reinsurance approach in its traditional life products lines. Instead of ceding 90% of premiums on new business issued before that date, we began purchasing yearly renewable term on risks in excess of \$1 million. This had the effect of dramatically reducing reinsurance on new policies issued and led to relatively flat ceded premiums in 2006 compared to 2005 and in 2007 compared to 2006.

Benefits and settlement expenses ceded increased largely due to growth in the claims on our in force universal life business. Ceded amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs increased due to changes in unlocking in the universal life line of business in 2007. Amortization decreased in 2006 primarily due to a decrease in reliance on reinsurance on traditional business issued after June 30, 2005 and unlocking in the universal life lines. Other operating expenses ceded increased in 2007 due to growth in the universal life block of business. The decrease in 2006 was caused by lower allowances associated with recent reinsurance treaties.

## Acquisitions

### Segment results of operations

Segment results were as follows:

|   | For The Year Ended December 31, |                   |                  | Change |        |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------|--------|
|   | 2007                            | 2006              | 2005             | 2007   | 2006   |
| (Dollars In Thousands)  |                                 |                   |                  |        |        |
| <b>REVENUES</b>   |                                 |                   |                  |        |        |
| Gross premiums and policy fees  | \$ 810,696                      | \$ 514,571        | \$ 261,003       | 57.5%  | 97.2%  |
| Reinsurance ceded   | (510,540)                       | (256,311)         | (74,199)         | 99.2   | 245.4  |
| Net premiums and policy fees  | 300,156                         | 258,260           | 186,804          | 16.2   | 38.3   |
| Net investment income   | 578,965                         | 413,636           | 223,201          | 40.0   | 85.3   |
| Other income  | 9,462                           | 6,038             | 1,605            | 56.7   | 276.2  |
| Total operating revenues  | 888,583                         | 677,934           | 411,610          | 31.1   | 64.7   |
| Realized gains (losses) - investments   | (2,772)                         | 73,881            | —                |        |        |
| Realized gains (losses) - derivatives   | 6,622                           | (45,165)          | —                |        |        |
| Total revenues  | 892,433                         | 706,650           | 411,610          |        |        |
| <b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>  |                                 |                   |                  |        |        |
| Benefits and settlement expenses  | 633,971                         | 494,533           | 273,626          | 28.2   | 80.7   |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition cost and value of business acquired | 77,158                          | 52,038            | 27,072           | 48.3   | 92.2   |
| Other operating expenses  | 48,207                          | 26,829            | 30,191           | 79.7   | (11.1) |
| Operating benefits and expenses   | 759,336                         | 573,400           | 330,889          | 32.4   | 73.3   |
| Amortization of DAC / VOBA related to realized gains (losses) - investments     | 2,081                           | 6,776             | —                |        |        |
| Total benefits and expenses   | 761,417                         | 580,176           | 330,889          |        |        |
| <b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>   | 131,016                         | 126,474           | 80,721           | 3.6    | 56.7   |
| Less: Realized gains (losses)   | 3,850                           | 28,716            | —                |        |        |
| Less: Related amortization of DAC   | (2,081)                         | (6,776)           | —                |        |        |
| <b>OPERATING INCOME</b>   | <u>\$ 129,247</u>               | <u>\$ 104,534</u> | <u>\$ 80,721</u> | 23.6   | 29.5   |

The following table summarizes key data for the Acquisitions segment:

|   | For The Year Ended December 31, |                       |                      | Change       |              |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | 2007                            | 2006                  | 2005                 | 2007         | 2006         |
|   | (Dollars In Thousands)          |                       |                      |              |              |
| <b>Average Life Insurance In-Force(1)</b>       |                                 |                       |                      |              |              |
| Traditional                                     | \$ 226,590,927                  | \$ 235,299,391        | \$ 10,786,754        | (3.7)%       | 2,081.4%     |
| Universal life                                  | 32,026,221                      | 33,241,672            | 17,178,862           | (3.7)        | 93.5         |
|   | <u>\$ 258,617,148</u>           | <u>\$ 268,541,063</u> | <u>\$ 27,965,616</u> | <u>(3.7)</u> | <u>860.3</u> |
| <b>Average Account Values</b>                   |                                 |                       |                      |              |              |
| Universal life                                  | \$ 3,030,836                    | \$ 3,098,263          | \$ 1,706,082         | (2.2)        | 81.6         |
| Fixed annuity(2)                                | 5,186,782                       | 5,419,865             | 213,530              | (4.3)        | 2,438.2      |
| Variable annuity                                | 195,867                         | 193,616               | 76,033               | 1.2          | 154.6        |
|   | <u>\$ 8,413,485</u>             | <u>\$ 8,711,744</u>   | <u>\$ 1,995,645</u>  | <u>(3.4)</u> | <u>336.5</u> |
| <b>Interest Spread - UL and Fixed Annuities</b> |                                 |                       |                      |              |              |
| Net investment income yield                     | 6.08%                           | 6.34%                 | 7.00%                |              |              |
| Interest credited to policyholders              | 4.11                            | 4.11                  | 5.15                 |              |              |
| Interest spread                                 | <u>1.97%</u>                    | <u>2.23</u>           | <u>1.85%</u>         |              |              |
| <b>Mortality Experience(3)</b>                  | \$ 2,936                        | \$ 3,127              | \$ 1,522             |              |              |

(1) Amounts are not adjusted for reinsurance ceded.

(2) Includes general account balances held within variable annuity products and is net of reinsurance ceded.

(3) Represents the estimated pretax earnings impact resulting from mortality variance to pricing. Excludes results related to the Chase Insurance Group which was acquired in the third quarter of 2006.

### 2007 compared to 2006

#### Segment operating income

Operating income increased \$24.7 million, or 23.6%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006, primarily the result of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition, which contributed \$58.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, compared to \$29.0 million in 2006.

#### Revenues

Net premiums and policy fees increased \$41.9 million, or 16.2%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006, as a result of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition, which contributed \$122.4 million to net premiums and policy fees in 2007, compared to \$76.2 million in 2006. Investment income increased \$165.3 million, or 40.0%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006, as a result of the Chase Insurance group acquisition, which contributed \$371.2 million of investment income in 2007 compared to \$198.3 million for 2006.

Offsetting the impact of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition was the normal, expected runoff of the remaining acquired closed blocks.

#### Benefits and expenses

Benefits and settlement expenses increased \$139.4 million, or 28.2%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase related to the Chase Insurance Group acquisition which contributed \$373.8 million to benefits and settlement expenses during the 2007, compared to \$228.5 million in the prior year. The Chase Insurance Group acquisition resulted in \$21.8 million of additional DAC/VOBA amortization for the year ended December 31, 2007, driving the increase in this line item. Other operating expense increased \$21.4 million, or 79.7%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006, and related to the Chase Insurance Group acquisition, which contributed \$21.0 million of additional expenses in 2007. The segment

continues to review credited rates on UL and annuity business for all blocks of business to minimize the impact of lower earned rates on interest spreads.

Offsetting the impact of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition was the normal, expected runoff of the remaining acquisition closed blocks.

### ***2006 compared to 2005***

#### *Segment operating income*

We completed the acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group during the third quarter of 2006. This acquisition drove the increases in revenues, expenses, and earnings of the segment for 2006, as compared to the prior year. This acquisition also drove the large increases in the segment's life insurance in-force and UL and annuity account values compared to the prior years.

#### *Revenues*

Net premiums and policy fees increased 38.3% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, as a result of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition which contributed \$76.2 million to the segment's net premiums and policy fees during 2006. Net investment income increased significantly for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005 due to the increase in liabilities resulting from the current year acquisition. The interest spread increased 38 basis points during 2006 as a result of the higher spreads associated with the Chase Insurance Group block of business acquired in the current year.

#### *Benefits and expenses*

Benefits and settlement expenses for the year ended December 31, 2006 were 80.7% higher than for the year ended December 31, 2005 primarily due to the current period acquisition, which contributed \$228.7 million to expenses in 2006. The Chase Insurance Group acquisition resulted in an additional \$32.3 million of VOBA amortization for 2006, driving the annual increase of 92.2%. Other operating expenses decreased 11.1% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to December 31, 2005, as a result of the runoff of the closed blocks of business and seasonality within the Chase Insurance Group block of business, partially offset by conversion costs incurred related to the 2006 acquisition.

#### ***Reinsurance***

The Acquisitions segment currently reinsurers portions of both its life and annuity in-force. The cost of reinsurance to the segment is reflected in the chart shown below. A more detailed discussion of the components of reinsurance can be found in the Reinsurance section of Note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

*Impact of reinsurance*

Reinsurance impacted the Acquisitions segment line items as shown in the following table:

**Acquisitions Segment  
Line Item Impact of Reinsurance**

|   | <b>For The Year Ended December 31,</b> |              |             |
|---|--|--------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2007</b>                            | <b>2006</b>  | <b>2005</b> |
|   | <b>(Dollars In Thousands)</b>          |              |             |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                   |  |              |             |
| Premiums and Policy Fees                          | \$ (510,540)                           | \$ (256,311) | \$ (74,199) |
| <b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>                      |  |              |             |
| Benefit and settlement expenses                   | (424,913)                              | (123,080)    | (88,711)    |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs | (20,119)                               | (3,486)      | (92)        |
| Other operating expenses                          | (108,735)                              | (54,096)     | (3,379)     |

The segment's reinsurance programs do not materially impact the other income line of the income statement. In addition, net investment income has no direct impact on reinsurance cost. However, it should be noted that by ceding business to the assuming companies, we forgo investment income on the reserves ceded to the assuming companies. Conversely, the assuming companies will receive investment income on the reserves assumed which will increase the assuming companies' profitability on business assumed from the Company. For business ceded under modified coinsurance arrangements, the amount of investment income attributable to the assuming company is included as part of the overall change in policy reserves and, as such, is reflected in benefit and settlement expenses. The net investment income impact to the Company and the assuming companies has not been quantified as it is not fully reflected in our consolidated financial statements.

The significant increase in all income statement items in 2006 was driven by our acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group on July 3, 2006. A significant portion of the reinsurance of the Chase Insurance Group business involves modified coinsurance arrangements. Under these arrangements, the net investment income attributable to the assuming company is reflected as a reduction of ceded benefit and settlement expenses.

## Annuities

### Segment results of operations

Segment results were as follows:

|   | <b>For The Year Ended December 31,</b> |                  |                  | <b>Change</b> |               |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | <b>2007</b>                            | <b>2006</b>      | <b>2005</b>      | <b>2007</b>   | <b>2006</b>   |
| <b>(Dollars In Thousands)</b>   |  |                  |                  |               |               |
| <b>REVENUES</b>   |  |                  |                  |               |               |
| Gross premiums and policy fees  | \$ 34,163                              | \$ 32,074        | \$ 31,810        | 6.5%          | 0.8%          |
| Reinsurance ceded   | —                                      | —                | —                |               |               |
| Net premiums and policy fees  | 34,163                                 | 32,074           | 31,810           | 6.5           | 0.8           |
| Net investment income   | 267,258                                | 225,063          | 218,678          | 18.7          | 2.9           |
| Realized gains (losses) - derivatives   | (68)                                   | (2,747)          | (351)            | (97.5)        | 682.6         |
| Other income  | 9,255                                  | 8,749            | 6,727            | 5.8           | 30.1          |
| Total operating revenues  | 310,608                                | 263,139          | 256,864          | 18.0          | 2.4           |
| Realized gains (losses) - investments   | 2,008                                  | 4,697            | 30,980           |               |               |
| Total revenues  | 312,616                                | 267,836          | 287,844          |               |               |
| <b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>  |  |                  |                  |               |               |
| Benefits and settlement expenses  | 240,210                                | 191,238          | 187,791          | 25.6          | 1.8           |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition cost and value of business acquired | 26,536                                 | 25,444           | 12,606           | 4.3           | 101.8         |
| Other operating expenses  | 22,760                                 | 23,443           | 25,675           | (2.9)         | (8.7)         |
| Operating benefits and expenses   | 289,506                                | 240,125          | 226,072          | 20.6          | 6.2           |
| Amortization of DAC / VOBA related to realized gains (losses) - investments     | 1,149                                  | 2,428            | 24,906           |               |               |
| Total benefits and expenses   | 290,655                                | 242,553          | 250,978          |               |               |
| <b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>   | 21,961                                 | 25,283           | 36,866           | (13.1)        | (31.4)        |
| Less: Realized gains (losses)   | 2,008                                  | 4,697            | 30,980           |               |               |
| Less: Related amortization of DAC   | (1,149)                                | (2,428)          | (24,906)         |               |               |
| <b>OPERATING INCOME</b>   | <b>\$ 21,102</b>                       | <b>\$ 23,014</b> | <b>\$ 30,792</b> | <b>(8.3)</b>  | <b>(25.3)</b> |

The following table summarizes key data for the Annuities segment:

|  | For The Year Ended December 31, |                     |                     | Change |         |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|---------|
|  | 2007                            | 2006                | 2005                | 2007   | 2006    |
| (Dollars In Thousands)                             |                                 |                     |                     |        |         |
| <b>Sales</b>                                       |                                 |                     |                     |        |         |
| Fixed annuity                                      | \$ 1,193,942                    | \$ 878,178          | \$ 275,038          | 36.0%  | 219.3%  |
| Variable annuity                                   | 472,482                         | 322,762             | 312,211             | 46.4   | 3.4     |
|  | <u>\$ 1,666,424</u>             | <u>\$ 1,200,940</u> | <u>\$ 587,249</u>   | 38.8   | 104.5   |
| <b>Average Account Values</b>                      |                                 |                     |                     |        |         |
| Fixed annuity(1)                                   | \$ 4,410,821                    | \$ 3,608,819        | \$ 3,448,977        | 22.2   | 4.6     |
| Variable annuity                                   | 2,677,749                       | 2,399,832           | 2,221,881           | 11.6   | 8.0     |
|  | <u>\$ 7,088,570</u>             | <u>\$ 6,008,651</u> | <u>\$ 5,670,858</u> | 18.0   | 6.0     |
| <b>Interest Spread - UL and Fixed Annuities(2)</b> |                                 |                     |                     |        |         |
| Net investment income yield                        | 5.98%                           | 6.17%               | 6.26%               |        |         |
| Interest credited to policyholders                 | 5.34                            | 5.32                | 5.45                |        |         |
| Interest spread                                    | <u>0.64%</u>                    | <u>0.85%</u>        | <u>0.81%</u>        |        |         |
| As of December 31,                                 |                                 |                     |                     |        |         |
|  | 2007                            | 2006                | 2005                | 2007   | 2006    |
| <b>GMDB - Net amount at risk(3)</b>                | \$ 112,389                      | \$ 93,888           | \$ 142,244          | 19.7%  | (34.0)% |
| <b>GMDB - Reserves</b>                             | 291                             | 1,784               | 2,055               | (83.7) | (13.2)  |
| <b>GMWB - Embedded Derivative Amount</b>           | 540                             | —                   | —                   | —      | —       |
| <b>S&amp;P 500® Index</b>                          | 1,468                           | 1,418               | 1,248               | 3.5    | 13.6    |

- (1) Includes general account balances held within variable annuity products.  
(2) Interest spread on average general account values.  
(3) Guaranteed death benefit in excess of contract holder account balance.

#### 2007 compared to 2006

##### Segment operating income

Operating income from declined \$1.9 million, or 8.3%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006 primarily due to unfavorable mortality results and a tightening of spreads in the immediate annuity line. Offsetting these unfavorable results were increases in operating income in the market value adjusted annuity line and the single premium deferred annuity line. The increase in the market value adjusted annuity line was due to favorable DAC unlocking, slightly offset by a decline in spread. The single premium deferred annuity line of business was added in the third quarter of 2006 and only had two quarters of results in the prior year compared to a full year in 2007. Operating income was also favorably impacted in 2007 compared to the prior year by increasing account values.

##### Operating revenues

Segment operating revenues increased \$47.5 million, or 18.0%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006 primarily due to an increase in net investment income. Average account balances grew 18.0% in 2007, resulting in higher investment income. The additional income resulting from the larger account balances was partially reduced in 2007 by a 21 basis point decline in interest spreads. The segment continually monitors and adjusts credited rates as appropriate in an effort to maintain or improve its interest spread.

##### Benefits and expenses

Operating benefits and expenses increased \$49.4 million, or 20.6%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase was primarily the result of higher credited interest and unfavorable mortality fluctuations. Mortality was unfavorable by \$10.6 million compared to unfavorable mortality of

\$5.0 million in 2006, an unfavorable change of \$5.6 million. The unfavorable mortality variances partially related to the nonrecurring sales of \$122 million of single premium immediate annuities on 28 lives sold in the fourth quarter of 2004 in a structured transaction. Because this block of annuities is large relative to the total amount of annuities in-force, volatility in mortality results are expected.

The increase in DAC amortization for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006 was primarily the result of DAC unlocking in various lines. We periodically review and update as appropriate our key assumptions including future mortality, expenses, lapses, premium persistency, investment yields and interest spreads. Changes to these assumptions result in adjustments which increase or decrease DAC amortization. The periodic review and updating of assumptions is referred to as "unlocking." The increase in DAC amortization (not related to Realized capital gains and losses) for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006 was primarily the result of increased earnings in the single premium deferred annuity line. This increase was partially offset as a result of DAC unlocking in various lines.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, DAC amortization for the Annuities segment was reduced by \$4.5 million due to favorable DAC unlocking in the market value adjusted annuity line. Favorable DAC unlocking of \$2.9 million was recorded by the segment during 2007.

### *Sales*

Total sales increased \$465.5 million, or 38.8%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. Sales of fixed annuities increased \$315.8 million, or 36.0%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The continuation of new annuity sales through the former Chase distribution system contributed \$379.5 million in fixed annuity sales in 2007. Sales of variable annuities increased \$149.7 million, or 46.4% for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase in variable annuity sales is primarily due to the addition of a new guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefit rider to our variable annuity product, which was launched in May 2007, and our continued efforts to increase the wholesaling distribution. A general decline in the equity markets has increased the net amount at risk with respect to guaranteed minimum death benefits by 19.7% as of December 31, 2007 compared to December 31, 2006.

### *2006 compared to 2005*

#### *Segment operating income*

Segment operating income declined 25.3% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. This change was primarily due to favorable unlocking of DAC in the market value adjusted annuity and variable annuity lines during 2005, which is discussed in more detail below. Excluding the impact of DAC unlocking, segment operating income increased 60.4% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. The impact of the favorable unlocking in 2005 was somewhat offset in 2006 by improvement in the equity markets, increasing account values, and improvement in the interest spread.

#### *Operating revenues*

Segment operating revenues increased 2.4% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. Minor fluctuations in net premiums and policy fees were offset by changes in net investment income and other income. Average account balances grew 6% in 2006, resulting in higher investment income as well as higher other income, due to an increase in asset-based fees.

#### *Net investment income*

During the first quarter of 2005, the investment portfolio was rebalanced to improve the duration match between the segment's assets and liabilities. Approximately \$300 million in securities were sold, causing the large realized investment gains recognized in 2005. These gains were partially offset by \$22.4 million in DAC amortization associated with those gains. The resulting funds from this transaction were reinvested in assets with lower rates than the investments that were sold, causing a decline in the investment income yield for the segment's portfolio beginning in the second quarter of 2005. Adjustments to credited rates enabled the segment to increase the net interest spread

achieved steadily since the 2005 portfolio rebalancing, resulting in a net increase in interest spreads of four basis points in 2006.

#### *Benefits and expenses*

Operating benefits and expenses increased 6.2% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. This fluctuation was primarily the result of changes in DAC amortization. DAC amortization for the Annuities segment was reduced \$16.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 due to two separate favorable DAC unlocking events. The first unlocking occurred during the second quarter in the market value adjusted annuity line, when DAC amortization was reduced \$5.0 million as a result of the portfolio rebalancing discussed above. While the investment income yield obtained on the reinvested assets resulting from the portfolio rebalancing was lower than the yield obtained prior to the rebalancing, the actual yield on the reinvested assets exceeded previous projections. The higher investment yield resulted in higher future estimated gross profits ("EGPs") in the segment's market value adjusted annuity line, causing the favorable unlocking of DAC.

The second unlocking occurred in the fourth quarter in the market value adjusted and variable annuity lines, and reduced DAC amortization by \$11.2 million. This unlocking was a combination of a review of assumptions underlying future EGPs (prospective unlocking) and a "true-up" of past EGPs to actual gross profits ("AGPs") in the DAC amortization models (retrospective unlocking). AGPs were higher than the EGPs previously used in the DAC amortization model primarily as a result of general improvement in equity market returns, resulting in the favorable unlocking and reduction in DAC amortization in 2005. As a result of the 2005 adjustments to EGPs, gross profits recognized in these lines have been lower in 2006 than the gross profits recognized in 2005. DAC is amortized in proportion to gross profits, so decreased gross profits results in less DAC amortization. Partially offsetting the favorable DAC adjustments in 2005 were higher other operating expenses. These expenses were higher in 2005 due to expenses incurred related to the development of a new product.

#### *Sales*

Total sales were 104.5% higher for the year ended December 31, 2006 than for the year ended December 31, 2005. The Chase Insurance Group acquisition (see Note 3, *Acquisition Activity*, to the Consolidated Financial Statements) and the continuation of new annuity sales through the former Chase distribution system, contributed \$275.9 million in fixed annuity sales in 2006. Excluding the impact of the acquisition, total sales increased 57.5% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. Sales of fixed annuities (excluding the impact of the acquisition) increased 119.0% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, as a result of higher interest rates compared to 2005 and strong sales increases in the equity indexed annuity product which was first introduced in 2005. A general improvement in the equity markets reduced the net amount at risk with respect to guaranteed minimum death benefits by 34.0%.

## Stable Value Products

### Segment results of operations

Segment results were as follows:

|  | For The Year Ended December 31, |            |            | Change |        |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|------------|--------|--------|
|  | 2007                            | 2006       | 2005       | 2007   | 2006   |
|  | (Dollars In Thousands)          |            |            |        |        |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                  |                                 |            |            |        |        |
| Net investment income                            | \$ 300,201                      | \$ 325,653 | \$ 310,715 | (7.8)% | 4.8%   |
| Realized gains (losses)                          | 1,394                           | 1,161      | (16,065)   |        |        |
| Total revenues                                   | 301,595                         | 326,814    | 294,650    |        |        |
| <b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>                     |                                 |            |            |        |        |
| Benefits and settlement expenses                 | 241,460                         | 269,851    | 246,134    | (10.5) | 9.6    |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition cost | 4,199                           | 4,438      | 4,694      | (5.4)  | (5.5)  |
| Other operating expenses                         | 4,311                           | 4,291      | 5,089      | 0.5    | (15.7) |
| Total benefits and expenses                      | 249,970                         | 278,580    | 255,917    | (10.3) | 8.9    |
| <b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>                  | 51,625                          | 48,234     | 38,733     | 7.0    | 24.5   |
| Less: Realized gains (losses)                    | 1,394                           | 1,161      | (16,065)   |        |        |
| <b>OPERATING INCOME</b>                          | \$ 50,231                       | \$ 47,073  | \$ 54,798  | 6.7    | (14.1) |

The following table summarizes key data for the Stable Value Products segment:

|  | For The Year Ended December 31, |              |              | Change  |        |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|--------|
|  | 2007                            | 2006         | 2005         | 2007    | 2006   |
|  | (Dollars In Thousands)          |              |              |         |        |
| <b>Sales</b>                           |                                 |              |              |         |        |
| GIC                                    | \$ 132,800                      | \$ 294,100   | \$ 96,350    | (54.8)% | 205.2% |
| GFA - Direct Institutional             | 182,179                         | —            | 100,000      | n/a     | n/a    |
| GFA - Registered Notes - Institutional | 525,000                         | —            | 1,035,000    | n/a     | n/a    |
| GFA - Registered Notes - Retail        | 86,666                          | 139,826      | 180,931      | (38.0)  | (22.7) |
|  | \$ 926,645                      | \$ 433,926   | \$ 1,412,281 | 113.5   | (69.3) |
| <b>Average Account Values</b>          | \$ 5,006,929                    | \$ 5,751,796 | \$ 5,872,635 | (13.0)  | (2.1)  |
| <b>Operating Spread</b>                |                                 |              |              |         |        |
| Net investment income yield            | 6.04%                           | 5.78%        | 5.42%        |         |        |
| Interest credited                      | 4.86                            | 4.79         | 4.29         |         |        |
| Operating expenses                     | 0.17                            | 0.15         | 0.17         |         |        |
| Operating spread                       | 1.01%                           | 0.84         | 0.96%        |         |        |

### 2007 compared to 2006

#### Segment operating income

Operating income increased \$3.2 million, or 6.7%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase in operating earnings resulted from a higher operating spread, which was partially offset by a decline in average account values. The operating spread increased 17 basis points for 2007 due to the scheduled maturity of several, large high-coupon contracts and an improvement in portfolio asset yields. The segment continually reviews its investment portfolio for opportunities to increase the net investment income yield in an effort to maintain or increase interest spread. We expect operating earnings for this segment to stabilize as we continue to access the institutional funding agreement-backed note market while focusing on maintaining higher yielding investments.

Total sales increased \$492.7 million, or 113.5%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was the result of our reentrance into the institutional funding agreement-backed note market. These sales accounted for 56.7% of the segment's sales.

***2006 compared to 2005***

*Segment operating income*

Operating income declined 14.1% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005 due to spread compression of 12 basis points and a 2.1% decline in average account balances. The primary driver of the spread compression was increasing short term interest rates, resulting in higher interest credited rates.

Total sales declined 69.3% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. We chose not to participate in the institutional funding agreement-backed note market during 2006.

## Asset Protection

### Segment results of operations

Segment results were as follows:

|  | For The Year Ended December 31, |                 |                  | Change       |               |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
|  | 2007                            | 2006            | 2005             | 2007         | 2006          |
| (Dollars In Thousands)                           |                                 |                 |                  |              |               |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                  |                                 |                 |                  |              |               |
| Gross premiums and policy fees                   | \$ 391,297                      | \$ 403,781      | \$ 418,919       | (3.1)%       | (3.6)%        |
| Reinsurance ceded                                | (161,594)                       | (199,798)       | (232,437)        | (19.1)       | (14.0)        |
| Net premiums and policy fees                     | 229,703                         | 203,983         | 186,482          | 12.6         | 9.4           |
| Net investment income                            | 34,277                          | 31,054          | 31,221           | 10.4         | (0.5)         |
| Other income                                     | 64,472                          | 66,642          | 45,577           | (3.3)        | 46.2          |
| Total operating revenues                         | 328,452                         | 301,679         | 263,280          | 8.9          | 14.6          |
| <b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>                     |                                 |                 |                  |              |               |
| Benefits and settlement expenses                 | 93,122                          | 94,210          | 101,459          | (1.2)        | (7.1)         |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition cost | 51,649                          | 53,044          | 68,623           | (2.6)        | (22.7)        |
| Other operating expenses                         | 154,156                         | 146,637         | 69,207           | 5.1          | 111.9         |
| Total benefits and expenses                      | 298,927                         | 293,891         | 239,289          | 1.7          | 22.8          |
| <b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>                  | <b>29,525</b>                   | <b>7,788</b>    | <b>23,991</b>    | <b>279.1</b> | <b>(67.5)</b> |
| <b>OPERATING INCOME</b>                          | <b>\$ 29,525</b>                | <b>\$ 7,788</b> | <b>\$ 23,991</b> | <b>279.1</b> | <b>(67.5)</b> |

The following table summarizes key data for the Asset Protection segment:

|                        | For The Year Ended December 31, |                   |                   | Change |        |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|
|                        | 2007                            | 2006              | 2005              | 2007   | 2006   |
| (Dollars In Thousands) |                                 |                   |                   |        |        |
| <b>Sales</b>           |                                 |                   |                   |        |        |
| Service contracts      | \$ 311,939                      | \$ 264,878        | \$ 228,655        | 17.8%  | 22.4%  |
| Credit insurance       | 114,646                         | 140,769           | 208,878           | (18.6) | (32.6) |
| Other products         | 97,369                          | 115,069           | 51,232            | (15.4) | 124.6  |
|                        | <u>\$ 523,954</u>               | <u>\$ 520,716</u> | <u>\$ 488,765</u> | 0.6    | 9.6    |
| <b>Loss Ratios</b>     |                                 |                   |                   |        |        |
| Service contracts      | 45.1%                           | 66.7%             | 72.9%             |        |        |
| Credit insurance       | 28.2                            | 35.5              | 36.7              |        |        |
| Other products         | 42.9                            | 29.2              | 62.9              |        |        |

## *2007 compared to 2006*

### *Segment operating income*

Operating income increased \$21.7 million, or 279.1%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006, primarily as a result of bad debt charges of \$27.1 million that occurred during 2006. These charges were incurred on a line of business that we are no longer marketing.

Earnings from core product lines decreased \$5.9 million, or 15.9%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. Within the segment's core product lines, service contract earnings declined \$3.3 million, or 12.0%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The decrease in service contract income included a negative impact of \$7.6 million from the fourth quarter 2006 sale of all the outstanding stock of First Protection Corporation (FPC) to PLC. The line was favorably impacted by higher volume and improved loss ratios. Credit insurance earnings increased \$3.9 million, or 278.6%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006, while earnings from other products declined \$6.5 million, or 59.6%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase in Credit insurance earnings related primarily to lower expenses and improved loss ratios in the Dealer Credit line. The decline in other products related primarily to lower volume and higher loss ratios in the IPP line, resulting from the loss of a significant customer.

### *Net premiums and policy fees*

Net premiums and policy fees increased \$25.7 million, or 12.6%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006 due to an increase in the service contracts product line. Net premiums in the service contract line increased \$34.8 million, or 29.4%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006, primarily as a result of the Western General acquisition and higher volume in existing products. Net premiums decreased in the credit and related and other product lines primarily due to the decline of in-force business in the credit and IPP lines.

### *Other income*

Other income decreased \$2.2 million, or 3.3%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The decrease included a \$7.6 million impact from the sale of FPC in 2006 and was somewhat offset by higher fees in the remaining service contract lines, including the Western General acquisition.

### *Benefits and settlement expenses*

Benefits and settlement expenses decreased \$1.1 million, or 1.2%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The decrease was partially a result of \$7.1 million of lower claims in the credit and discontinued lines. This was somewhat offset by \$6.0 million of higher service contract and GAP claims resulting from higher volume and the acquisition of Western General.

### *Amortization of DAC and Other Operating Expenses*

Amortization of DAC was \$1.4 million lower for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006, reflecting a decrease in earned premiums in the credit and related and other products lines. The increase in other operating expenses was primarily due to higher volume in the service contract lines and higher general and administrative expenses, somewhat offset by bad debt charges of \$27.1 million that occurred during 2006. These charges related to the bankruptcy filing of CENTRIX Financial LLC ("CENTRIX") and were based on our assessment of the inability of CENTRIX and an affiliated reinsurer to meet their obligations as a part of the Lenders Indemnity product line.

### *Sales*

Total segment sales increased \$3.2 million, or 0.6%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. Service contract sales continue to improve, exceeding the prior year by 17.8%. The

decline in credit insurance sales was due to a significant decrease in sales through financial institutions. The bulk of these sales were derived from a third party administrator relationship which is in runoff. The decrease in other product sales for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006, was related to the GAP line and the IPP line which lost a significant customer.

## **2006 compared to 2005**

### *Segment operating income*

Operating income declined 67.5% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, primarily due to charges in one of the lines the segment is no longer marketing. During 2006, the segment was negatively impacted by \$27.1 million of bad debt charges (\$1.1 million in the second quarter and \$26.0 million in the third quarter) related to its Lender's Indemnity product line. The product guarantees to the lender, primarily credit unions, the difference between a value calculated based on the estimated or actual market value of a vehicle and the outstanding balance of a loan in the event the vehicle is repossessed or sold because the loan is in default. We ceased offering the Lender's Indemnity product in 2003. The bad debt charges recorded in the third quarter of 2006 followed the bankruptcy filing related to CENTRIX, the originator and servicer of the business, and is the result of our assessment, based in part on facts discovered by an audit after the bankruptcy filing, of the inability of CENTRIX and an affiliated reinsurer to meet their obligations under the program.

Excluding the impact of the Lender's Indemnity bad debt charges, operating income increased 45.4% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the prior year. Earnings from core product lines were up \$13.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, while excluding the bad debt charges discussed above, results from lines the segment is no longer marketing declined \$1.4 million for the same period. Within the segment's core product lines, earnings from service contracts and other products improved \$7.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. The Western General acquisition completed during the third quarter of 2006 contributed \$3.7 million to service contract earnings for the year ended December 31, 2006. The improvement in earnings from other products was primarily due to the segment's IPP line, which improved as a result of higher premiums and favorable claim results. Credit insurance earnings declined \$2.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, primarily due to lower volume and higher expenses.

### *Net premiums and policy fees*

Net premiums and policy fees increased 9.4% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. The improvement in 2006 was the result of increases of \$11.9 million in the service contract line (\$8.6 million of which was due to the Western General acquisition) and \$15.0 million in other products (primarily IPP and GAP product lines), offset by decreases in the credit insurance line (\$10.0 million) and lines the segment is no longer marketing (\$4.9 million).

### *Net investment income*

Net investment income for the year ended December 31, 2006 remained comparable to prior periods, while other income increased 46.2% the year ended December 31, 2006. The increases in other income were primarily due to increases in administrative fees on service contracts and GAP products resulting from increased volume of contracts sold in these product lines. The Western General acquisition contributed to the 2006 increase, adding \$5.7 million to other income during the year.

### *Benefits and settlement expenses*

Benefits and settlement expenses declined for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. This decrease was the result of declines in credit insurance and lines the segment is no longer marketing of \$8.1 million and \$14.6 million, respectively, reflecting the decrease in net premiums in these lines discussed above. The decreases in these two lines were partially offset in 2006 by higher expenses in the service contract line primarily due to the Western General acquisition. Benefits and settlement expenses were also favorably impacted by the continuing improvement in loss ratios, most notably in the service contract and other product lines.

Loss ratios in the service contract lines continue to benefit from the segment's initiatives to increase pricing and tighten the underwriting and claims processes. The decrease in the loss ratio for other products was the result of favorable claims experience, primarily related to the IPP and GAP product lines.

#### *Amortization of DAC*

Amortization of DAC was 22.7% lower for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, reflecting lower earned premiums in the credit insurance line. The 111.9% increase in other operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005 was partially due to the bad debt charges related to the Lender's Indemnity product line discussed above. Excluding the bad debt charges, operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2006 were 72.7% higher than for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due to higher commissions on service contracts and GAP due to increased volume and higher retrospective commissions resulting from improvements in loss ratios, and the Western General acquisition, which contributed \$5.1 million of operating expense to 2006.

#### *Sales*

Total segment sales increased 9.6% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. Service contract sales continued to improve throughout 2006, exceeding the prior year by 22.4%. The 2006 improvement in service contract sales was comprised of increases of \$49.6 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, in the vehicle and marine lines. The declines in credit insurance sales were due to decreases in sales through financial institutions. The bulk of these sales are derived from a third party administrator relationship which is in runoff. Other product sales were up in both the IPP and GAP lines, with the GAP product accounting for the majority (approximately 95%) of the increase in 2006.

#### *Reinsurance*

The majority of the Asset Protection segment's reinsurance activity relates to the cession of single premium credit life credit accident and health, credit property, vehicle service contracts and guaranteed asset protection insurance to producer affiliated reinsurance companies ("PARC's"). These arrangements are coinsurance contracts ceding the business on a first dollar quota share basis at levels ranging from 50% to 100% to limit our exposure and allow the PARC's to share in the underwriting income of the product. Reinsurance contracts do not relieve us from our obligations to our policyholders. Failure of reinsurers to honor their obligations could result in losses to the Company or our affiliates.

Ceded unearned premiums reserves and claim reserves with PARC's are generally secured by trust accounts, letters of credit or on a funds withheld basis.

Reinsurance impacted the Asset Protection segment line items as shown in the following table:

#### **Asset Protection Segment Line Item Impact of Reinsurance**

|   | <b>For The Year Ended December 31,</b> |              |              |
|---|--|--------------|--------------|
|   | <b>2007</b>                            | <b>2006</b>  | <b>2005</b>  |
|   | <b>(Dollars In Thousands)</b>          |              |              |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                   |  |              |              |
| Premiums and Policy Fees                          | \$ (161,594)                           | \$ (199,798) | \$ (232,437) |
| <b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>                      |  |              |              |
| Benefit and settlement expenses                   | (93,706)                               | (131,350)    | (128,136)    |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs | (44,694)                               | (55,612)     | (64,467)     |
| Other operating expenses                          | (14,556)                               | 17,811       | (10,352)     |

Reinsurance ceded has been declining since 2005 as the Company is discontinuing the marketing of credit insurance products through financial institutions. The majority of this business was ceded to PARC's.

Reinsurance premiums ceded were 19.1% and 14.0% lower in 2007 and 2006 compared to prior years, respectively. The declines in 2007 and 2006 were primarily due to the reduction in ceded insurance premiums sold through financial institutions. The Company began discontinuing the marketing of credit insurance products through financial institutions during 2005. In addition, the ceded premiums for the Lender's Indemnity product continued to decline since the Company ceased offering the product in 2003.

Benefits and settlement expenses ceded decreased 28.7% in 2007, while they increased 2.5% in 2006. The fluctuations are mainly attributable to losses in the Lender's Indemnity product line. Ceded losses for this product line were \$0.8 million, \$33.4 million, and \$6.0 million in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively.

Amortization of DAC ceded was 19.6% lower for 2007 and 13.7% lower for 2006 compared to prior years, partly reflecting changes in the mix of business ceded during these periods.

Other operating expenses ceded increased 181.7% in 2007, while they decreased 272.1% in 2006 compared to prior years. The fluctuations were mainly attributable to the Lender's Indemnity bad debt charges of \$27.1 million in 2006 resulting from the Company's assessment of a reinsurer's inability to meet their obligations under the reinsurance agreement. In addition, operating expenses increased in 2007 as a result of an increase in service contract sales.

Net investment income has no direct impact on reinsurance cost. However, it should be noted that by ceding business to the assuming companies, the Company forgoes investment income on the reserves ceded to the assuming companies. Conversely, the assuming companies will receive investment income on the reserves assumed which will increase the assuming companies' profitability on business assumed from the Company. The net investment income impact to the Company and the assuming companies has not been quantified as it is not reflected in the Company's consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, an overall cost of reinsurance has not been determined.

## Corporate and Other

### Segment results of operations

Segment results were as follows:

|  | For The Year Ended December 31, |                 |                  | Change  |        |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------|--------|
|  | 2007                            | 2006            | 2005             | 2007    | 2006   |
|  | (Dollars In Thousands)          |                 |                  |         |        |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                  |                                 |                 |                  |         |        |
| Gross premiums and policy fees                   | \$ 34,025                       | \$ 38,303       | \$ 42,441        | (11.2)% | (9.8)% |
| Reinsurance ceded                                | (15)                            | (23)            | (173)            | (34.8)  | (86.7) |
| Net premiums and policy fees                     | 34,010                          | 38,280          | 42,268           | (11.2)  | (9.4)  |
| Net investment income                            | 109,566                         | 50,128          | 83,191           | 118.6   | (39.7) |
| Realized gains (losses) - investments            | 6,857                           | 13,494          | 8,684            |         |        |
| Realized gains (losses) - derivatives            | (4)                             | 27              | 2,877            |         |        |
| Other income                                     | 1,497                           | 11,509          | 12,122           | (87.0)  | (5.1)  |
| Total operating revenues                         | 151,926                         | 113,438         | 149,142          | 33.9    | (23.9) |
| Realized gains (losses) - investments            | 1,572                           | 9,237           | 14,586           |         |        |
| Realized gains (losses) - derivatives            | (11,079)                        | 25,724          | (34,596)         |         |        |
| Total revenues                                   | 142,419                         | 148,399         | 129,132          | (4.0)   | 14.9   |
| <b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>                     |                                 |                 |                  |         |        |
| Benefits and settlement expenses                 | 36,191                          | 46,845          | 51,890           | (22.7)  | (9.7)  |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition cost | 773                             | 3,388           | 4,064            | (77.2)  | (16.6) |
| Other operating expenses                         | 110,178                         | 58,444          | 54,132           | 88.5    | 8.0    |
| Total benefits and expenses                      | 147,142                         | 108,677         | 110,086          | 35.4    | (1.3)  |
| <b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>                  |                                 |                 |                  |         |        |
|  | (4,723)                         | 39,722          | 19,046           | (111.9) | 108.6  |
| Less: Realized gains (losses) - investments      | 1,572                           | 9,237           | 14,586           |         |        |
| Less: Realized gains (losses) - derivatives      | (11,079)                        | 25,724          | (34,596)         |         |        |
| <b>OPERATING INCOME</b>                          | <u>\$ 4,784</u>                 | <u>\$ 4,761</u> | <u>\$ 39,056</u> | 0.5     | (87.8) |

### 2007 compared to 2006

#### Segment operating income

Corporate and Other segment operating income was consistent with the prior year. The segment experienced higher interest expense resulting from increased borrowings, which was offset by higher net investment income. The increase in interest expense is primarily due to the issuance of non-recourse funding obligations to fund statutory reserves required by Regulation XXX and AXXX. The overall performance of our investment portfolio continued to be strong, with no significant credit issues in either the securities or mortgage portfolio.

#### Operating revenues

Operating revenues for the Corporate and Other segment are primarily comprised of net investment income on unallocated capital and net premiums and policy fees related to several non-strategic lines of business. Net investment income for this segment increased \$59.4 million, or 118.6%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006, while net premiums and policy fees declined \$4.3 million, or 11.2%. The increase in net investment income was primarily the result of increases in proceeds related to non-recourse funding obligations compared to the prior year. The decline in net premiums and policy fees was the expected result of the runoff of business in the non-strategic lines of business which is no longer being marketed.

### *Benefits and settlement expenses*

Benefits and settlement expenses decreased \$10.7 million, or 22.7%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The decrease was primarily the result of a \$9.0 million reserve strengthening recorded during 2006. The additional decline is expected as the non-strategic lines of business are no longer being marketed and correspond to the declines in net premiums and policy fees.

### *Other operating expenses*

Other operating expenses increased \$51.7 million, or 88.5%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily due to an increase in interest expense of \$43.9 million, or 216.3%, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. Of this increase in interest expense, approximately \$41.6 million relates to additional issuances of non-recourse funding obligations. For additional information regarding these obligations, refer to Note 9, *Debt and Other Obligations*.

## **2006 compared to 2005**

### *Segment operating income*

Operating income decreased \$34.3 million for the next year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, primarily due to lower net investment income and higher interest expense.

### *Operating revenues*

Net investment income for the Corporate and Other segment decreased \$33.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005, while net premiums and policy fees declined \$4.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005.

The \$33.1 million decrease in net investment income was primarily the result of a decrease in investment income on unallocated capital, which was the result of allocating capital to the Life Marketing segment to support reserves in newly written business under the securitization structure and capital used in the Chase Insurance Group acquisition. Additionally, prepayment fees from mortgages were \$5.6 million lower in 2006 than the prior year. Unallocated capital grew during 2005 as capital was conserved in anticipation of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition, which closed in 2006. As expected, unallocated capital was reduced following the acquisition, resulting in lower net investment income in the Corporate and Other segment for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005.

The decline in net premiums and policy fees for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005 was the expected result of the runoff of business in the non-strategic lines of business which are no longer being marketed.

### *Benefits and settlement expenses*

Benefits and settlement expenses declined 9.7% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. This decline was the expected result of declines in the non-strategic lines of business which are no longer being marketed, and corresponds to the decline in net premiums and policy fees. A charge of \$9.0 million was recorded in 2006 to strengthen reserves related to the Residual Value line. This reserve strengthening was primarily a result of a further decline in used car prices and an increase in the expected frequency of claims. A \$5.0 million charge was taken in 2005 in the Residual Value line.

### *Other operating expenses*

Other operating expenses increased 8.0% for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. The increase was primarily due to a \$10.4 million increase in interest expense resulting from increased borrowings of \$300.0 million of additional issuances of non-recourse funding obligations. The increased interest expense was partially offset by a reduction in other operating expenses in the non-strategic lines of business and

a decrease in other corporate overhead. Included in the reduction in other corporate overhead was a reduction in expenses associated with our annual incentive plan and stock-based compensation plans, and a \$3.8 million expense reduction resulting from the write-off of capitalized software costs in the prior year with no such write-offs in the current year.

## Realized Gains and Losses

The following table presents realized investment gains and losses for the periods shown. Certain reclassifications have been made in the previously reported amounts to make the prior period amounts comparable to those of the current period. Such classifications had no effect on previously reported net income or shareowners' equity.

|  | For The Year Ended December 31, |                    |                    | Change             |                  |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|  | 2007                            | 2006               | 2005               | 2007               | 2006             |
|  | (Dollars In Thousands)          |                    |                    |                    |                  |
| Fixed maturity gains - sales                           | \$ 10,257                       | \$ 56,309          | \$ 76,118          | \$ (46,052)        | \$ (19,809)      |
| Fixed maturity losses - sales                          | (11,862)                        | (34,153)           | (27,609)           | 22,291             | (6,544)          |
| Equity gain - sales                                    | 5,912                           | 296                | 262                | 5,616              | 34               |
| Equity losses - sales                                  | (12)                            | (7)                | (845)              | (5)                | 838              |
| Impairments on fixed maturity securities               | —                               | (5,689)            | (11,745)           | 5,689              | 6,056            |
| Impairments on equity securities                       | —                               | —                  | (53)               | 0                  | 53               |
| Mark to market - Modco trading portfolios              | (989)                           | 66,363             | —                  | (67,352)           | 66,363           |
| Other  | 1,498                           | 18,745             | 1,806              | (17,247)           | 16,939           |
| <b>Total realized gains (losses) - investments</b>     | <b>\$ 4,804</b>                 | <b>\$ 101,864</b>  | <b>\$ 37,934</b>   | <b>\$ (97,060)</b> | <b>\$ 63,930</b> |
| Foreign currency swaps                                 | \$ 7,657                        | \$ 3,765           | \$ (33,126)        | \$ 3,892           | \$ 36,891        |
| Foreign currency adjustments on stable value contracts | (3,518)                         | (3,389)            | 33,452             | (129)              | (36,841)         |
| Derivatives relate to mortgage loan commitments        | (3,746)                         | 26,712             | (10,344)           | (30,458)           | 37,056           |
| Embedded derivatives related to reinsurance            | 10,679                          | (44,491)           | (1,338)            | 55,170             | (43,153)         |
| Other derivatives                                      | (11,346)                        | (4,152)            | (20,463)           | (7,194)            | 16,311           |
| <b>Total realized gains (losses) - derivatives</b>     | <b>\$ (274)</b>                 | <b>\$ (21,555)</b> | <b>\$ (31,819)</b> | <b>\$ 21,281</b>   | <b>\$ 10,264</b> |

Realized gains and losses on investments reflect portfolio management activities designed to maintain proper matching of assets and liabilities and to enhance long-term investment portfolio performance. During 2006, the Chase Insurance Group portfolios underwent a significant amount of asset/liability balancing, and as such, realized gain (loss) activity was heightened. The change in net realized investment gains, excluding impairments, reflects the normal operation of our asset/liability program within the context of the changing interest rate environment. The decrease in realized losses during the current year is due to an overall higher volume of transactions in the year ended December 31, 2006.

There were no impairments for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to \$5.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The \$1.5 million of other realized gains recognized for the year ended December 31, 2007 includes gains of \$3.4 million related to real estate investments, gains of \$0.4 million related to short-term investments, and other losses totaling \$2.3 million. As of December 31, 2007, net mark-to-market losses of \$1.0 million to our modified coinsurance ("Modco") trading portfolios associated with the Chase Insurance Group acquisition were also included in realized gains and losses. Additional details on our investment performance and evaluation are provided in the "Consolidated Investments" section below.

Realized investment gains and losses related to derivatives represent changes in the fair value of derivative financial instruments and gains (losses) on derivative contracts closed during the period. We have entered into foreign currency swaps to mitigate the risk of changes in the value of principal and interest payments to be made on certain of its foreign currency denominated stable value contracts. We recorded net realized gains of \$4.1 million from these securities for the year ended December 31, 2007. These gains were the result of swap and contract maturities and differences in the related foreign currency spot and forward rates used to value the stable value contracts and foreign currency swaps. We have taken short positions in U.S. Treasury futures to mitigate interest rate risk related to our mortgage loan commitments. We recorded \$3.7 million in net realized losses from these securities for the year ended

December 31, 2007. The net losses from these securities were the result of fluctuations in interest rates and adjustments to our short positions.

We are also involved in various modified coinsurance and funds withheld arrangements that, in accordance with DIG B36 ("Embedded Derivatives: Modified Coinsurance Arrangements and Debt Instruments That Incorporate Credit Risk Exposures That Are Unrelated or Only Partially Related to the Creditworthiness of the Obligor under Those Instruments"), contain embedded derivatives. The \$10.7 million in gains on these embedded derivatives were a result of spread widening, partially offset by lower interest rates during 2007. In 2007, the investment portfolios that support the related modified coinsurance reserves and funds withheld had mark-to-market losses that partially offset the gains on these embedded derivatives.

We also use various swaps, options, and swaptions to mitigate risk related to other interest rate exposures. We realized losses of \$10.4 million on swaptions for the year ended December 31, 2007. Equity call options generated gains of \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The GMWB (Guaranteed Minimum Withdrawal Benefit) rider embedded derivatives on certain variable deferred annuities had realized losses of \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. Other derivative contracts generated net losses of \$0.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2007.

## **CONSOLIDATED INVESTMENTS**

### **Portfolio Description**

As of December 31, 2007, our investment portfolio equaled approximately \$28.5 billion. Our investment portfolio consists primarily of fixed maturity securities (bonds and redeemable preferred stocks) and commercial mortgage loans. Within our fixed maturity securities, we maintain portfolios classified as "available for sale" and "trading". We generally purchase our investments with the intent to hold to maturity by purchasing investments that match future cash flow needs. However, we may sell any of our investments to maintain proper matching of assets and liabilities. Accordingly, we had classified \$19.3 billion or 84.3% of our fixed maturities as "available for sale" as of December 31, 2007. These securities are carried at fair value on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Changes in fair value, net of related DAC and VOBA, are charged or credited directly to shareowners' equity. Changes in fair value that are other than temporary are recorded as realized losses in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

Our trading portfolio, as of December 31, 2007, consists primarily of fixed maturities with a market value of \$3.6 billion and short-term investments with a market value of \$52.0 million, which were added as part of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition. Investment results for the Chase Insurance Group portfolios, including gains and losses from sales, are passed to the reinsurers through the contractual terms of the reinsurance arrangements. Trading securities are carried at fair value and changes in fair value are recorded in net income as they occur. Offsetting these amounts are corresponding changes in the fair value of the embedded derivative liability associated with the underlying reinsurance arrangement.

Our investments in debt and equity securities are reported at market value, and investments in mortgage loans are reported at amortized cost. As of December 31, 2007, our fixed maturity investments (bonds and redeemable preferred stocks) had a market value of \$22.9 billion, which was 0.3% below amortized cost of \$23.0 billion. We had \$3.3 billion in mortgage loans as of December 31, 2007. While our mortgage loans do not have quoted market values, as of December 31, 2007, we estimated the market value of our mortgage loans to be \$3.5 billion (using discounted cash flows from the next call date), which was 6.1% greater than the amortized cost. Most of our mortgage loans have significant prepayment fees. These assets are invested for terms approximately corresponding to anticipated future benefit payments. Thus, market fluctuations are not expected to adversely affect liquidity.

As of December 31, 2006, our fixed maturity investments had a market value of \$20.9 billion, 0.8% above amortized cost of \$20.8 billion. We had \$3.9 billion in mortgage loans as of December 31, 2006. We estimated the market value of our mortgage loans to be \$4.0 billion as of December 31, 2006, which was 2.6% above amortized cost.

The following table shows the reported values of our invested assets:

|                             | As of December 31,     |        |               |        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------------|--------|
|                             | 2007                   |        | 2006          |        |
|                             | (Dollars In Thousands) |        |               |        |
| Publicly issued bonds       | \$ 19,187,474          | 67.3%  | \$ 18,809,094 | 68.6%  |
| Privately issued bonds      | 3,755,594              | 13.2   | 2,114,713     | 7.7    |
| Redeemable preferred stock  | 42                     | 0.0    | 84            | 0.0    |
| Fixed maturities            | 22,943,110             | 80.5   | 20,923,891    | 76.3   |
| Equity securities           | 64,226                 | 0.2    | 80,108        | 0.3    |
| Mortgage loans              | 3,275,678              | 11.5   | 3,880,028     | 14.1   |
| Investment real estate      | 8,026                  | 0.0    | 37,928        | 0.1    |
| Policy loans                | 818,280                | 2.9    | 839,502       | 3.1    |
| Other long-term investments | 186,299                | 0.6    | 306,012       | 1.1    |
| Short-term investments      | 1,218,116              | 4.3    | 1,366,467     | 5.0    |
| Total investments           | \$ 28,513,735          | 100.0% | \$ 27,433,936 | 100.0% |

Included in the preceding table are \$3.6 billion and \$3.5 billion of fixed maturities and \$52.0 million and \$302.7 million of short-term investments classified as trading securities as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Market values for private, non-traded securities are determined as follows: 1) we obtain estimates from independent pricing services and 2) we estimate market value based upon a comparison to quoted issues of the same issuer or issues of other issuers with similar terms and risk characteristics. Upon obtaining these estimates of market value, management makes a determination as to the appropriate valuation amount. The market value of private, non-traded securities was \$3.8 billion at December 31, 2007, representing 13.2% of our total invested assets.

We participate in securities lending, primarily as an investment yield enhancement, whereby securities that are held as investments are loaned to third parties for short periods of time. We require collateral of 102% of the market value of the loaned securities to be separately maintained. The loaned securities' market value is monitored on a daily basis, with additional collateral obtained as necessary. As of December 31, 2007, securities with a market value of \$400.0 million were loaned under these agreements. As collateral for the loaned securities, we receive short-term investments, which are recorded in "short-term investments" with a corresponding liability recorded in "other liabilities" to account for our obligation to return the collateral. As of December 31, 2007, collateral related to these agreements equaled \$410.1 million.

We review our position on a monthly basis for possible credit concerns and review our current exposure, credit enhancement, and delinquency experience. As of December 31, 2007, we had a total market value of approximately \$89.9 million invested in securities that are supported by collateral classified as sub-prime. This represents approximately 0.3% of our total invested assets. \$88.2 million, or approximately 98.1%, of these securities have been rated as AAA. In addition, as of December 31, 2007, we had a total of approximately \$273.4 million invested in securities backed by Alt-A residential mortgage loans, which represents less than 1.0% of invested assets.

## Risk Management and Impairment Review

We monitor the overall credit quality of our portfolio within established guidelines. The following table shows our available for sale fixed maturities by credit rating as of December 31, 2007:

| S&P or Equivalent Designation | Market Value           | Percent of<br>Market Value |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
|                               | (Dollars In Thousands) |                            |
| AAA                           | \$ 8,289,473           | 42.9%                      |
| AA                            | 1,679,191              | 8.7                        |
| A                             | 3,465,910              | 17.9                       |
| BBB                           | 5,111,051              | 26.4                       |
| Investment grade              | 18,545,625             | 95.9                       |
| BB                            | 588,166                | 3.0                        |
| B                             | 152,589                | 0.8                        |
| CCC or lower                  | 51,979                 | 0.3                        |
| In or near default            | 73                     | 0.0                        |
| Below investment grade        | 792,807                | 4.1                        |
| Redeemable preferred stock    | 42                     | 0.0                        |
| Total                         | \$ 19,338,474          | 100.0%                     |

Not included in the table above are \$3.6 billion of investment grade and \$39.0 million of less than investment grade fixed maturities classified by the Company as trading securities.

Limiting bond exposure to any creditor group is another way we manage credit risk. The following table summarizes our ten largest fixed maturity exposures to an individual creditor group as of December 31, 2007:

| Creditor                     | Market Value          |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                              | (Dollars in Millions) |
| AT&T                         | \$ 181.7              |
| American International Group | 143.5                 |
| Citigroup                    | 142.2                 |
| Wachovia                     | 126.3                 |
| General Electric             | 126.2                 |
| Conocophillips               | 125.5                 |
| Bank of America              | 118.6                 |
| Comcast                      | 118.6                 |
| Goldman Sachs                | 109.1                 |
| Metlife Inc                  | 105.8                 |

Management considers a number of factors when determining the impairment status of individual securities. These include the economic condition of various industry segments and geographic locations and other areas of identified risks. Although it is possible for the impairment of one investment to affect other investments, we engage in ongoing risk management to safeguard against and limit any further risk to its investment portfolio. Special attention is given to correlative risks within specific industries, related parties, and business markets.

We consider a number of factors in determining whether the impairment is other than temporary. These include, but are not limited to: 1) actions taken by rating agencies, 2) default by the issuer, 3) the significance of the decline, 4) the intent and ability to hold the investment until recovery, 5) the time period during which the decline has occurred, 6) an economic analysis of the issuer's industry, and 7) the financial strength, liquidity, and recoverability of the issuer. Management performs a security-by-security review each quarter in evaluating the need for any other-than-temporary impairments. Although no set formula is used in this process, the investment performance, collateral position, and continued viability of the issuer are significant measures considered.

We consider a number of factors relating to the issuer in determining the financial strength, liquidity, and recoverability of an issuer. These include but are not limited to: available collateral, assets that might be available to repay debt, operating cash flows, financial ratios, access to capital markets, quality of management, market position, exposure to litigation or product warranties, and the effect of general economic conditions on the issuer. Once management has determined that a particular investment has suffered an other than temporary impairment, the asset is written down to its estimated fair value.

There are certain risks and uncertainties associated with determining whether declines in market values are other than temporary. These include significant changes in general economic conditions and business markets, trends in certain industry segments, interest rate fluctuations, rating agency actions, changes in significant accounting estimates and assumptions, commission of fraud, and legislative actions. We continuously monitor these factors as they relate to the investment portfolio in determining the status of each investment. Provided below are additional facts concerning the potential effect upon our earnings should circumstances lead management to conclude that some of the current declines in market value are other than temporary.

#### Unrealized Gains and Losses – Available for Sale Securities

The information presented below relates to investments at a certain point in time and is not necessarily indicative of the status of the portfolio at any time after December 31, 2007, the balance sheet date. Information about unrealized gains and losses is subject to rapidly changing conditions, including volatility of financial markets and changes in interest rates. As indicated above, management considers a number of factors in determining if an unrealized loss is other than temporary, including our ability and intent to hold the security until recovery. Furthermore, since the timing of recognizing realized gains and losses is largely based on management's decisions as to the timing and selection of investments to be sold, the tables and information provided below should be considered within the context of the overall unrealized gain (loss) position of the portfolio. As of December 31, 2007, we had an overall pre-tax net unrealized loss of \$55.0 million.

For traded and private fixed maturity and equity securities held that are in an unrealized loss position as of December 31, 2007, the estimated market value, amortized cost, unrealized loss, and total time period that the security has been in an unrealized loss position are presented in the table below:

|                           | Estimated<br>Market Value | % Market<br>Value | Amortized<br>Cost    | % Amortized<br>Cost | Unrealized<br>Loss  | % Unrealized<br>Loss |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|                           | (Dollars In Thousands)    |                   |                      |                     |                     |                      |
| <= 90 days                | \$ 3,025,522              | 31.1%             | \$ 3,087,840         | 30.5%               | \$ (62,318)         | 15.9%                |
| >90 days but <= 180 days  | 947,674                   | 9.7               | 986,706              | 9.7                 | (39,032)            | 10.0                 |
| >180 days but <= 270 days | 1,018,964                 | 10.5              | 1,086,413            | 10.7                | (67,449)            | 17.2                 |
| >270 days but <= 1 year   | 692,404                   | 7.1               | 755,867              | 7.5                 | (63,463)            | 16.2                 |
| >1 year but <= 2 years    | 475,011                   | 4.9               | 509,915              | 5.0                 | (34,904)            | 8.9                  |
| >2 years but <= 3 years   | 3,234,291                 | 33.2              | 3,328,996            | 32.9                | (94,705)            | 24.2                 |
| >3 years but <= 4 years   | 248,334                   | 2.5               | 265,430              | 2.6                 | (17,096)            | 4.4                  |
| >4 years but <= 5 years   | 81,442                    | 0.8               | 85,015               | 0.8                 | (3,573)             | 1.0                  |
| >5 years                  | 18,880                    | 0.2               | 27,656               | 0.3                 | (8,776)             | 2.2                  |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 9,742,522</u>       | <u>100.0%</u>     | <u>\$ 10,133,838</u> | <u>100.0%</u>       | <u>\$ (391,316)</u> | <u>100.0%</u>        |

The unrealized losses as of December 31, 2007, primarily relate to the widening of credit spreads as treasury rates declined during the year. As of December 31, 2007, securities with a market value of \$806.4 million and \$35.9 million of unrealized losses were issued in commercial mortgage loan securitizations that we sponsored, including \$7.9 million of unrealized losses greater than five years. We do not consider these unrealized positions to be other than temporary because the underlying mortgage loans continue to perform consistently with our original expectations. Our underwriting procedures relative to our commercial loan portfolio are based on a conservative, disciplined approach. We concentrate our underwriting expertise on a small number of commercial real estate asset types associated with the necessities of life (retail, multi-family, professional office buildings, and warehouses). We believe these asset types tend to weather economic downturns better than other commercial asset classes that we have chosen to ignore. We believe this disciplined approach has helped to maintain a relatively low delinquency and foreclosure rate throughout our history.

In assessing whether or not these unrealized positions should be considered other than temporary, we review the underlying cash flows, as well as the associated values of the real estate collateral for those loans included in our commercial mortgage loan securitizations.

We have no material concentrations of issuers or guarantors of fixed maturity securities. The industry segment composition of all securities in an unrealized loss position held as of December 31, 2007, is presented in the following table:

|                      | <u>Estimated<br/>Market Value</u> | <u>% Market<br/>Value</u> | <u>Amortized<br/>Cost</u> | <u>% Amortized<br/>Cost</u> | <u>Unrealized<br/>Loss</u> | <u>% Unrealized<br/>Loss</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                      | (Dollars In Thousands)            |                           |                           |                             |                            |                              |
| Agency Mortgages     | \$ 1,387,554                      | 14.2%                     | \$ 1,403,115              | 13.8%                       | \$ (15,561)                | 4.0%                         |
| Banking              | 920,285                           | 9.4                       | 1,003,377                 | 9.9                         | (83,092)                   | 21.2                         |
| Basic Industrial     | 286,402                           | 2.9                       | 303,577                   | 3.0                         | (17,175)                   | 4.4                          |
| Brokerage            | 309,508                           | 3.2                       | 325,015                   | 3.2                         | (15,507)                   | 4.0                          |
| Capital Goods        | 92,747                            | 1.0                       | 96,903                    | 1.0                         | (4,156)                    | 1.1                          |
| Communications       | 258,631                           | 2.7                       | 284,316                   | 2.8                         | (25,685)                   | 6.6                          |
| Consumer Cyclical    | 235,163                           | 2.4                       | 265,239                   | 2.6                         | (30,076)                   | 7.7                          |
| Consumer Noncyclical | 212,825                           | 2.2                       | 220,450                   | 2.2                         | (7,625)                    | 1.9                          |
| Electric             | 794,192                           | 8.2                       | 825,627                   | 8.2                         | (31,435)                   | 8.0                          |
| Energy               | 128,629                           | 1.3                       | 132,381                   | 1.3                         | (3,752)                    | 1.0                          |
| Finance Companies    | 249,503                           | 2.6                       | 263,152                   | 2.6                         | (13,649)                   | 3.5                          |
| Insurance            | 506,306                           | 5.2                       | 528,371                   | 5.2                         | (22,065)                   | 5.6                          |
| Municipal Agencies   | 490                               | 0.0                       | 491                       | 0.0                         | (1)                        | 0.0                          |
| Natural Gas          | 464,779                           | 4.8                       | 485,996                   | 4.8                         | (21,217)                   | 5.4                          |
| Non-Agency Mortgages | 2,950,152                         | 30.3                      | 3,004,212                 | 29.6                        | (54,060)                   | 13.8                         |
| Other Finance        | 606,796                           | 6.2                       | 643,217                   | 6.4                         | (36,421)                   | 9.3                          |
| Other Industrial     | 92,572                            | 1.0                       | 93,948                    | 0.9                         | (1,376)                    | 0.4                          |
| Other Utility        | 14,188                            | 0.1                       | 15,044                    | 0.2                         | (856)                      | 0.2                          |
| Real Estate          | 2,819                             | 0.0                       | 2,906                     | 0.0                         | (87)                       | 0.0                          |
| Technology           | 79,515                            | 0.8                       | 81,860                    | 0.8                         | (2,345)                    | 0.6                          |
| Transportation       | 148,462                           | 1.5                       | 153,632                   | 1.5                         | (5,170)                    | 1.3                          |
| U.S. Government      | 1,004                             | 0.0                       | 1,009                     | 0.0                         | (5)                        | 0.0                          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <u>\$ 9,742,522</u>               | <u>100.0%</u>             | <u>\$ 10,133,838</u>      | <u>100.0%</u>               | <u>\$ (391,316)</u>        | <u>100.0%</u>                |

The percentage of our unrealized loss positions, segregated by industry segment, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, is presented in the following table:

|                          | December 31, 2007<br>% Unrealized<br>Loss | December 31, 2006<br>% Unrealized<br>Loss |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Agency Mortgages         | 4.0%                                      | 16.9%                                     |
| Banking                  | 21.2                                      | 5.3                                       |
| Basic Industrial         | 4.4                                       | 6.0                                       |
| Brokerage                | 4.0                                       | 1.2                                       |
| Canadian Govt Agencies   | 0.0                                       | 0.8                                       |
| Capital Goods            | 1.1                                       | 0.1                                       |
| Communications           | 6.6                                       | 5.8                                       |
| Consumer Cyclical        | 7.7                                       | 4.2                                       |
| Consumer Noncyclical     | 1.9                                       | 2.7                                       |
| Electric                 | 8.0                                       | 12.7                                      |
| Energy                   | 1.0                                       | 3.0                                       |
| Finance Companies        | 3.5                                       | 0.5                                       |
| Insurance                | 5.6                                       | 2.3                                       |
| Municipal Agencies       | 0.0                                       | 0.0                                       |
| Natural Gas              | 5.4                                       | 9.4                                       |
| Non-Agency Mortgages     | 13.8                                      | 13.6                                      |
| Other Finance            | 9.3                                       | 8.0                                       |
| Other Industrial         | 0.4                                       | 1.2                                       |
| Other Utility            | 0.2                                       | 0.1                                       |
| Technology               | 0.6                                       | 1.2                                       |
| Transportation           | 1.3                                       | 2.4                                       |
| U.S. Government          | 0.0                                       | 2.5                                       |
| U.S. Government Agencies | 0.0                                       | 0.1                                       |
| Total                    | <u>100.0%</u>                             | <u>100.0%</u>                             |

As noted within the table above, the largest change in our unrealized loss positions by segment has been in the agency mortgages and banking segment. The unrealized loss position in agency mortgages decreased due to lower interest rates across the yield curve and the high quality and ratings of collateral that backed such investments. The unrealized loss position in the banking sector increased as a result of significantly wider credit spreads due to the sector's reduced profitability and increased balance sheet/capital concerns.

The range of maturity dates for securities in an unrealized loss position as of December 31, 2007, varies, with 12.8% maturing in less than 5 years, 22.0% maturing between 5 and 10 years, and 65.2% maturing after 10 years. The following table shows the credit rating of securities in an unrealized loss position as of December 31, 2007:

| S&P or Equivalent<br>Designation | Estimated<br>Market Value | % Market<br>Value | Amortized<br>Cost    | % Amortized<br>Cost | Unrealized<br>Loss  | % Unrealized<br>Loss |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| (Dollars In Thousands)           |                           |                   |                      |                     |                     |                      |
| AAA/AA/A                         | \$ 7,066,272              | 72.5%             | \$ 7,261,288         | 71.7%               | \$ (195,016)        | 49.8%                |
| BBB                              | 2,067,954                 | 21.2              | 2,182,925            | 21.5                | (114,971)           | 29.4                 |
| Investment grade                 | <u>9,134,226</u>          | <u>93.7</u>       | <u>9,444,213</u>     | <u>93.2</u>         | <u>(309,987)</u>    | <u>79.2</u>          |
| BB                               | 422,436                   | 4.3               | 462,491              | 4.6                 | (40,055)            | 10.2                 |
| B                                | 131,542                   | 1.3               | 158,440              | 1.5                 | (26,898)            | 6.9                  |
| CCC or lower                     | 54,318                    | 0.7               | 68,694               | 0.7                 | (14,376)            | 3.7                  |
| Below investment grade           | <u>608,296</u>            | <u>6.3</u>        | <u>689,625</u>       | <u>6.8</u>          | <u>(81,329)</u>     | <u>20.8</u>          |
| Total                            | <u>\$ 9,742,522</u>       | <u>100.0%</u>     | <u>\$ 10,133,838</u> | <u>100.0%</u>       | <u>\$ (391,316)</u> | <u>100.0%</u>        |

As of December 31, 2007, securities in an unrealized loss position that were rated as below investment grade represented 6.3% of the total market value and 20.8% of the total unrealized loss. Unrealized losses related to below investment grade securities that had been in an unrealized loss position for more than twelve months were \$51.7 million. Securities in an unrealized loss position rated less than investment grade were 2.1% of invested assets. We generally purchase our investments with the intent to hold to maturity. We do not expect these investments to adversely affect our liquidity or ability to maintain proper matching of assets and liabilities.

The following table shows the estimated market value, amortized cost, unrealized loss, and total time period that the security has been in an unrealized loss position for all below investment grade securities:

|                           | <u>Estimated<br/>Market Value</u> | <u>% Market<br/>Value</u> | <u>Amortized<br/>Cost</u> | <u>% Amortized<br/>Cost</u> | <u>Unrealized<br/>Loss</u> | <u>% Unrealized<br/>Loss</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                           | (Dollars In Thousands)            |                           |                           |                             |                            |                              |
| <= 90 days                | \$ 235,613                        | 38.8%                     | \$ 242,082                | 35.1%                       | \$ (6,469)                 | 8.0%                         |
| >90 days but <= 180 days  | 61,948                            | 10.2                      | 67,391                    | 9.8                         | (5,443)                    | 6.7                          |
| >180 days but <= 270 days | 73,161                            | 12.0                      | 86,424                    | 12.5                        | (13,263)                   | 16.3                         |
| >270 days but <= 1 year   | 25,690                            | 4.2                       | 30,169                    | 4.4                         | (4,479)                    | 5.5                          |
| >1 year but <= 2 years    | 32,326                            | 5.3                       | 38,918                    | 5.6                         | (6,592)                    | 8.1                          |
| >2 years but <= 3 years   | 124,217                           | 20.4                      | 151,476                   | 22.0                        | (27,259)                   | 33.5                         |
| >3 years but <= 4 years   | 39,914                            | 6.6                       | 51,197                    | 7.4                         | (11,283)                   | 13.9                         |
| >4 years but <= 5 years   | 104                               | 0.0                       | 146                       | 0.0                         | (42)                       | 0.0                          |
| >5 years                  | 15,323                            | 2.5                       | 21,822                    | 3.2                         | (6,499)                    | 8.0                          |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 608,296</u>                 | <u>100.0%</u>             | <u>\$ 689,625</u>         | <u>100.0%</u>               | <u>\$ (81,329)</u>         | <u>100.0%</u>                |

As of December 31, 2007, below investment grade securities with a market value of \$25.6 million and \$8.4 million of unrealized losses were issued in commercial mortgage loan securitizations that we sponsored, including securities in an unrealized loss position greater than five years with a market value of \$13.7 million and \$5.8 million of unrealized losses. We do not consider these unrealized positions to be other than temporary, because the underlying mortgage loans continue to perform consistently with the our original expectations. In addition, of this total, approximately \$495.0 million and \$87.2 million, respectively, relate to corporate securities and public utility securities.

## Realized Losses

Realized losses are comprised of both write-downs on other-than-temporary impairments and actual sales of investments. For the year ended December 31, 2007, we did not record any pre-tax other-than-temporary impairments in our investments compared to \$5.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.

As previously discussed, management considers several factors when determining other-than-temporary impairments. Although we generally intend to hold securities until maturity, we may change our position as a result of a change in circumstances. Any such decision is consistent with our classification of all but a specific portion of its investment portfolio as available for sale. For the year ended December 31, 2007, we sold securities in an unrealized loss position with a market value of \$1.3 billion resulting in a realized loss of \$11.7 million. Of this amount, a \$6.8 million loss in December 2007 resulted from the sale of approximately \$218.3 million (par value) of commercial mortgage loans we securitized during 2007. The loss was generated by the regulation of SFAS No. 140 through an allocation of basis using relevant allocated fair value. For additional information on this mortgage securitization, see Note 10, *Commercial Mortgage Securitizations*. We also engaged in taxable exchanges resulting in a loss of \$0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The securities were sold as a result of normal portfolio rebalancing activity and tax planning. For such securities, the proceeds, realized loss, and total time period that the security had been in an unrealized loss position are presented in the table below:

|                           | <u>Proceeds</u>     | <u>% Proceeds</u> | <u>Realized Loss</u>   | <u>% Realized Loss</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                           |                     |                   | (Dollars in Thousands) |                        |
| <= 90 days                | \$ 1,227,496        | 93.7%             | \$ (10,129)            | 86.5%                  |
| >90 days but <= 180 days  | 11,472              | 0.9               | (204)                  | 1.8                    |
| >180 days but <= 270 days | 598                 | 0.0               | (2)                    | 0.0                    |
| >270 days but <= 1 year   | —                   | 0.0               | —                      | 0.0                    |
| >1 year                   | 70,613              | 5.4               | (1,370)                | 11.7                   |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 1,310,179</u> | <u>100.0%</u>     | <u>\$ (11,705)</u>     | <u>100.0%</u>          |

See Note 4, *Investment Operations*, to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details on our analysis of investments.

## Mortgage Loans

We invest a significant portion of our investment portfolio in commercial mortgage loans. As of December 31, 2007, our mortgage loan holdings equaled approximately \$3.3 billion. We generally do not lend on speculative properties and have specialized in making loans on either credit-oriented commercial properties or credit-anchored strip shopping centers and apartments. Our underwriting procedures relative to our commercial loan portfolio are based on a conservative, disciplined approach. We concentrate our underwriting expertise on a small number of commercial real estate asset types associated with the necessities of life (retail, multi-family, professional office buildings, and warehouses). We believe these asset types tend to weather economic downturns better than other commercial asset classes that we have chosen to ignore. We believe this disciplined approach has helped to maintain a relatively low delinquency and foreclosure rate throughout our history.

We record mortgage loans net of an allowance for credit losses. This allowance is calculated through analysis of specific loans that are believed to be at a higher risk of becoming impaired in the near future. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, our allowance for mortgage loan credit losses was \$0.5 million and \$0.5 million, respectively.

Our mortgage lending criteria generally require that the loan-to-value ratio on each mortgage be at or less than 75% at the time of origination. Projected rental payments from credit anchors (i.e., excluding rental payments from smaller local tenants) generally exceed 70% of the property's projected operating expenses and debt service. We also offer a commercial loan product under which we will permit a loan-to-value ratio of up to 85% in exchange for a participating interest in the cash flows from the underlying real estate. Approximately \$627.0 million of our mortgage loans have this participation feature.

Many of our mortgage loans have call or interest rate reset provisions between 3 and 10 years. However, if interest rates were to significantly increase, we may be unable to call the loans or increase the interest rates on our existing mortgage loans commensurate with the significantly increased market rates.

As of December 31, 2007, delinquent mortgage loans and foreclosed properties were less than 0.1% of invested assets. We do not expect these investments to adversely affect its liquidity or ability to maintain proper matching of assets and liabilities. At December 31, 2007, \$7.5 million or 0.2% of the mortgage loan portfolio was nonperforming. It is our policy to cease to carry accrued interest on loans that are over 90 days delinquent. For loans less than 90 days delinquent, interest is accrued unless it is determined that the accrued interest is not collectible. If a loan becomes over 90 days delinquent, it is our general policy to initiate foreclosure proceedings unless a workout arrangement to bring the loan current is in place.

Between 1996 and 1999, we securitized \$1.4 billion of our mortgage loans. We sold the senior tranches while retaining the subordinate tranches. We continue to service the securitized mortgage loans. During 2007, we securitized an additional \$1.0 billion of our mortgage loans. We sold the highest rated tranche for approximately \$218.3 million, while retaining the remaining tranches. We continue to service the securitized mortgage loans. At December 31, 2007, we had investments related to retained beneficial interests of mortgage loan securitizations of \$929.1 million. See Note 10, *Commercial Mortgage Securitizations*, for additional information on the mortgage loan securitization completed during 2007.

## **LIABILITIES**

Many of our products contain surrender charges and other features that reward persistency and penalize the early withdrawal of funds. Certain stable value and annuity contracts have market-value adjustments that protect us against investment losses if interest rates are higher at the time of surrender than at the time of issue.

As of December 31, 2007, we had policy liabilities and accruals of approximately \$17.4 billion. Our interest-sensitive life insurance policies have a weighted average minimum credited interest rate of approximately 3.7%.

## **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

### **Liquidity**

We meet our liquidity requirements primarily through positive cash flows from our operating activities. Primary sources of cash from the Company and its insurance subsidiaries are premiums, deposits for policyholder accounts, investment sales and maturities, and investment income. Primary uses of cash for the Company and its insurance subsidiaries include benefit payments, withdrawals from policyholder accounts, investment purchases, policy acquisition costs, and other operating expenses.

While we generally anticipate that the cash flow of the Company and its insurance subsidiaries will be sufficient to meet our investment commitments and operating cash needs, we recognize that investment commitments scheduled to be funded may, from time to time, exceed the funds then available. Therefore, we have established repurchase agreement programs for certain of our insurance subsidiaries to provide liquidity when needed. We expect that the rate received on our investments will equal or exceed our borrowing rate. As of December 31, 2007, we did not have a liability related to such borrowings. Additionally, we may, from time to time, sell short-duration stable value products to complement our cash management practices. We may also use securitization transactions involving our commercial mortgage loans to increase liquidity for the operating subsidiaries.

In addition, we have access to the \$200 million revolving line of credit, under which the Company may borrow funds at an interest rate of LIBOR plus 0.30%, with balances due July 30, 2009. As of December 31, 2007, we did not have an outstanding balance under this line of credit. No compensating balances are required to maintain the line of credit. The line of credit arrangement contains, among other provisions, requirements for maintaining certain financial ratios and restrictions on the indebtedness that PLC and our subsidiaries can incur. Additionally, the line of credit arrangement precludes us, on a consolidated basis, from incurring debt in excess of 40% of our total capital. PLC was in compliance with all debt covenants as of December 31, 2007.

Our positive cash flows from operations are used to fund an investment portfolio that provides for future benefit payments. We employ a formal asset/liability program to manage the cash flows of our investment portfolio relative to our long-term benefit obligations.

We were committed as of December 31, 2007, to fund mortgage loans in the amount of \$861.7 million. Our subsidiaries held \$469.2 million in cash and short-term investments as of December 31, 2007. In addition, we held \$855.4 million in cash and short-term investments.

#### *Sources and Uses of Cash*

Our primary sources of funding are our insurance operations and revenues from investments. The states in which the Company and its insurance subsidiaries are domiciled impose certain restrictions on the ability to pay dividends to PLC. These restrictions are generally based in part on the prior year's statutory income and surplus. Generally, these restrictions pose no short-term liquidity concerns. In general, dividends up to specified levels are considered ordinary and may be paid thirty days after written notice to the insurance commissioner of the state of domicile unless such commissioner objects to the dividend prior to the expiration of such period. Dividends in larger amounts are considered extraordinary and are subject to affirmative prior approval by such commissioner. The maximum amount that would qualify as ordinary dividends to PLC by the Company for 2007 is estimated to be \$350.5 million. We plan to retain substantial portions of the earnings of our insurance subsidiaries in those companies primarily to support their future growth. The following chart shows the cash flows provided by or used in operating, investing, and financing activities for 2007, 2006, and 2005:

|   | <b>For the year ended December 31,</b> |                    |                    |
|---|--|--------------------|--------------------|
|   | <b>2007</b>                            | <b>2006</b>        | <b>2005</b>        |
|   | <b>(Dollars In Thousands)</b>          |                    |                    |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 875,879                             | \$ 480,219         | \$ 457,306         |
| Net cash used in investing activities     | (1,564,989)                            | (631,842)          | (1,609,467)        |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 758,198                                | 136,956            | 1,093,791          |
| Total                                     | <u>\$ 69,088</u>                       | <u>\$ (14,667)</u> | <u>\$ (58,370)</u> |

#### **2007 Compared to 2006**

*Net cash provided by operating activities* - Cash flows from operating activities are affected by the timing of premiums received, fees received, investment income, and expenses paid. Principal sources of cash include sales of our products and services. As an insurance business, we typically generate positive cash flows from operating activities, as premiums and deposits collected from our insurance and investment products exceed benefits paid and redemptions, and we invest the excess. Accordingly, in analyzing our cash flows we focus on the change in the amount of cash available and used in investing activities.

*Net cash used in investing activities* - The variance in net cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to December 31, 2006 was primarily the result of a decrease in activity related to our investment portfolio.

*Net cash provided by financing activities* - Changes in cash from financing activities primarily relate to the issuance and repayment of borrowings, as well as the issuance of, and redemptions and benefit payments on, investment contracts. The increase in 2007 was primarily the result of an increase of \$650 million of non-recourse funding obligations in 2007, as compared to 2006.

#### **Capital Resources**

We have access to the \$200 million revolving line of credit, under which the Company may borrow funds at an interest rate of LIBOR plus 0.30%, with balances due July 30, 2009. As of December 31, 2007, we did not have an outstanding balance under this line of credit. No compensating balances are required to maintain the line of credit. The line of credit arrangement contains, among other provisions, requirements for maintaining certain financial ratios and restrictions on the indebtedness that PLC and its subsidiaries can incur. Additionally, the line of credit arrangement

precludes us, on a consolidated basis, from incurring debt in excess of 40% of our total capital. PLC and the Company were in compliance with all debt covenants as of December 31, 2007.

Golden Gate Captive Insurance Company ("Golden Gate"), a special purpose financial captive insurance company wholly owned by us, had \$800.0 million of non-recourse funding obligations outstanding as of December 31, 2007, the maximum amount available under a surplus notes facility established with certain purchasers. These non-recourse funding obligations bear a floating rate of interest and mature in 2037. As the block of business grows and ages, unless additional funding mechanisms are put into place, reserving increases will reduce our available statutory capital and surplus. These obligations are described in more detail in Note 9, *Debt and Other Obligations*.

Golden Gate II Captive Insurance Company ("Golden Gate II"), a special purpose financial captive insurance company wholly owned by us, had \$575.0 million of non-recourse funding obligations outstanding as of December 31, 2007. These non-recourse funding obligations mature in 2052. We do not anticipate having to pursue additional funding related to this block of business; however, we have the contingent approval to issue an additional \$100 million of obligations if necessary. These obligations are described in more detail in Note 9, *Debt and Other Obligations*.

These non-recourse funding obligations are direct financial obligations of Golden Gate and Golden Gate II, respectively, and are not guaranteed by us or PLC. These non-recourse funding obligations are represented by surplus notes that were issued to fund statutory reserves required by Regulation XXX. Under the terms of the notes, the holders of the notes cannot require repayment from us or any of our subsidiaries, other than Golden Gate and Golden Gate II, respectively, the direct issuers of the notes, although PLC has agreed to indemnify Golden Gate and Golden Gate II for certain costs and obligations (which obligations do not include payment of principal and interest on the notes). In addition, PLC has entered into certain support agreements with Golden Gate and Golden Gate II obligating PLC to make capital contributions to Golden Gate and Golden Gate II or provide support related to certain of Golden Gate's and Golden Gate II's expenses and in certain circumstances, to collateralize certain of PLC's obligations to Golden Gate and Golden Gate II.

We have experienced higher borrowing costs associated with certain of our non-recourse funding obligations supporting the business reinsured to Golden Gate II. These higher costs are the result of higher interest costs associated with the illiquidity of the current market for auction rate securities, as well as a negative watch placed on our guarantor by certain rating agencies. The maximum rate we could be required to pay under these obligations is LIBOR plus 200 basis points.

Debt reductions, including the net decrease in the revolving line of credit, totaled \$64.6 million and \$3.4 million, respectively, during 2007 and 2006, as shown below:

| Description              | Amount    | Interest Rate |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| (Dollars In Thousands)   |           |               |
| <b>2007</b>              |           |               |
| Revolving line of credit | \$ 64,600 | LIBOR + .30%  |
| <b>2006</b>              |           |               |
| Revolving line of credit | \$ 3,400  | LIBOR + .30%  |

A life insurance company's statutory capital is computed according to rules prescribed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC"), as modified by state law. Generally speaking, other states in which a company does business defer to the interpretation of the domiciliary state with respect to NAIC rules, unless inconsistent with the other state's law. Statutory accounting rules are different from U.S. GAAP and are intended to reflect a more conservative view, for example, requiring immediate expensing of policy acquisition costs. The NAIC's risk-based capital requirements require insurance companies to calculate and report information under a risk-based capital formula. The achievement of long-term growth will require growth in the statutory capital of the Company and its insurance subsidiaries. The Company and its subsidiaries may secure additional statutory capital through various sources, such as retained statutory earnings or equity contributions by PLC.

Currently, the Company and its insurance subsidiaries have statutory surplus and risk-based capital levels well above regulatory required levels. As of December 31, 2007, our primary insurance subsidiaries had the following insurer financial strength ratings:

|   | Standard & Poor's | A.M. Best | Fitch | Moody's |
|---|-------------------|-----------|-------|---------|
| Protective Life Insurance Company             | AA                | A+        | AA-   | Aa3     |
| West Coast Life Insurance Company             | AA                | A+        | AA-   | Aa3     |
| Protective Life and Annuity Insurance Company | AA                | A+        | AA-   | N/A     |
| Lyndon Property Insurance Company             | N/A               | A-        | N/A   | N/A     |

We cede material amounts of insurance and transfer related assets to other insurance companies through reinsurance. However, notwithstanding the transfer of related assets, we remain liable with respect to ceded insurance should any reinsurer fail to meet the obligations that such reinsurer assumed. We evaluate the financial condition of our reinsurers and monitor the concentration of credit risk arising from them. During 2007, we ceded premiums to third-party reinsurers amounting to \$1.6 billion. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, we had paid \$101.0 million and \$51.7 million, respectively, of ceded benefits which are recoverable from reinsurers. We review reinsurance receivable amounts for collectability and establish appropriate bad debt reserves if deemed appropriate.

In 2005, we implemented a reinsurance program through the use of special purpose captive insurance companies wholly owned by the Company. Under this arrangement, the wholly owned consolidated subsidiaries, Golden Gate and Golden Gate II, serve as reinsurers, and our consolidated financial statements reflects a liability consisting of the full reserve amount attributable to the reinsured business. As of December 31, 2007, an aggregate amount of approximately \$442.7 million of life insurance reserves were ceded from the Company to these captive companies. The effects of these intercompany reinsurance transactions are eliminated in our consolidated financial statements.

## MARKET RISK EXPOSURES AND OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

Our financial position and earnings are subject to various market risks including changes in interest rates, changes in the yield curve, changes in spreads between risk-adjusted and risk-free interest rates, changes in foreign currency rates, changes in used vehicle prices, and equity price risks. We analyze and manage the risks arising from market exposures of financial instruments, as well as other risks, through an integrated asset/liability management process. Our asset/liability management programs and procedures involve the monitoring of asset and liability durations for various product lines; cash flow testing under various interest rate scenarios; and the continuous rebalancing of assets and liabilities with respect to yield, risk, and cash flow characteristics. These programs also incorporate the use of derivative financial instruments primarily to reduce our exposure to interest rate risk, inflation risk, currency exchange risk, and equity market risk.

The primary focus of our asset/liability program is the management of interest rate risk within the insurance operations. This includes monitoring the duration of both investments and insurance liabilities to maintain an appropriate balance between risk and profitability for each product category, and for us as a whole. It is our policy to generally maintain asset and liability durations within one-half year of one another, although, from time to time, a broader interval may be allowed.

Derivative instruments that are used as part of our interest rate risk management strategy include interest rate swaps, interest rate futures, interest rate options and interest rate swaptions. Our inflation risk management strategy involves the use of swaps that require us to pay a fixed rate and receive a floating rate that is based on changes in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"). We use foreign currency swaps to manage our exposure to changes in the value of foreign currency denominated stable value contracts. We also use S&P 500® options to mitigate our exposure to the value of equity indexed annuity contracts.

Derivative instruments expose us to credit and market risk and could result in material changes from quarter-to-quarter. We minimize our credit risk by entering into transactions with highly rated counterparties. We manage the market risk associated with interest rate and foreign exchange contracts by establishing and monitoring limits as to the types and degrees of risk that may be undertaken. We monitor our use of derivatives in connection with our overall

asset/liability management programs and procedures.

We believe our asset/liability management programs and procedures and certain product features provide protection against the effects of changes in interest rates under various scenarios. Additionally, we believe our asset/liability management programs and procedures provide sufficient liquidity to enable us to fulfill our obligation to pay benefits under our various insurance and deposit contracts. However, our asset/liability management programs and procedures incorporate assumptions about the relationship between short-term and long-term interest rates (i.e., the slope of the yield curve), relationships between risk-adjusted and risk-free interest rates, market liquidity, spread movements, and other factors, and the effectiveness of our asset/liability management programs and procedures may be negatively affected whenever actual results differ from those assumptions.

The following table sets forth the estimated market values of our fixed maturity investments and mortgage loans resulting from a hypothetical immediate one percentage point increase in interest rates from levels prevailing at December 31, 2007, and the percent change in market value the following estimated market values would represent:

| As of December 31, | Amount                | Percent<br>Change |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|                    | (Dollars In Millions) |                   |
| <b>2007</b>        |                       |                   |
| Fixed maturities   | \$ 21,851.0           | (4.8)%            |
| Mortgage loans     | 3,301.0               | (5.1)             |
| <b>2006</b>        |                       |                   |
| Fixed maturities   | \$ 19,888.1           | (5.0)%            |
| Mortgage loans     | 3,771.3               | (5.3)             |

Estimated market values were derived from the durations of our fixed maturities and mortgage loans. Duration measures the change in market value from a change in interest rates. While these estimated market values generally provide an indication of how sensitive the market values of our fixed maturities and mortgage loans are to changes in interest rates, they do not represent management's view of future market changes, and actual market results may differ from these estimates.

In the ordinary course of our commercial mortgage lending operations, we will commit to provide a mortgage loan before the property to be mortgaged has been built or acquired. The mortgage loan commitment is a contractual obligation to fund a mortgage loan when called upon by the borrower. The commitment is not recognized in our financial statements until the commitment is actually funded. The mortgage loan commitment contains terms, including the rate of interest, which may be different than prevailing interest rates.

As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, we had outstanding mortgage loan commitments of \$861.7 million at an average rate of 6.31%, and \$995.6 million, at an average rate of 6.26%, respectively, with estimated fair values of \$915.6 million and \$1,021.8 million, respectively (using discounted cash flows from the first call date). The following table sets forth the estimated fair value of our mortgage loan commitments resulting from a hypothetical immediate one percentage point increase in interest rate levels prevailing at December 31, 2007 and the percent change in fair value the following estimated fair values would represent:

| As of December 31, | Amount                | Percent<br>Change |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|                    | (Dollars In Millions) |                   |
| 2007               | \$ 870.4              | (4.9)%            |
| 2006               | 969.9                 | (5.1)             |

The estimated fair values were derived from the durations of our outstanding mortgage loan commitments. While these estimated fair values generally provide an indication of how sensitive the fair value of our outstanding commitments are to changes in interest rates, they do not represent management's view of future market changes, and actual market results may differ from these estimates.

As previously discussed, we utilize a risk management strategy that involves the use of derivative financial instruments. Derivative instruments expose us to credit and market risk and could result in material changes from period to period. We minimize our credit risk by entering into transactions with highly rated counterparties. We manage the market risk associated with interest rate and foreign exchange contracts by establishing and monitoring limits as to the types and degrees of risk that may be undertaken. We monitor our use of derivatives in connection with its overall asset/liability management programs and procedures.

As of December 31, 2007, derivative contracts with a notional amount of \$3.8 billion were in a \$13.0 million net loss position. As of December 31, 2006, derivative contracts with a notional amount of \$3.1 billion were in a \$135.7 million net gain position. We incurred losses of \$0.3 million, \$21.6 million and \$31.8 million related to derivative financial instruments for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively.

The following table sets forth the December 31, 2007, notional amount and fair value of our interest rate risk related derivative financial instruments, and the estimated fair value resulting from a hypothetical immediate plus and minus one percentage point change in interest rates from levels prevailing at December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006:

|                       | Notional<br>Amount | Fair Value at<br>December 31, | Fair Value Resulting From<br>an Immediate +/- 1% Change<br>in Interest Rates |                  |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------|
|                       |                    |                               | +1%  | -1%              |
| (Dollars In Millions) |                    |                               |  |                  |
| <b>2007</b>           |                    |                               |  |                  |
| Futures               | \$ 150.0           | \$ (0.4)                      | \$ 10.1  | \$ (10.6)        |
| Fixed to floating     |                    |                               |  |                  |
| Swaps                 | 33.2               | 0.1                           | 0.1  | 0.1              |
| Floating to fixed     |                    |                               |  |                  |
| Swaps                 | 1,409.6            | (20.4)                        | 3.2  | (45.7)           |
| Swaptions             | 2,050.0            | 4.2                           | 41.6   | 0.1              |
|                       | <u>\$ 3,642.8</u>  | <u>\$ (16.5)</u>              | <u>\$ 55.0</u>   | <u>\$ (56.1)</u> |
| <b>2006</b>           |                    |                               |  |                  |
| Fixed to floating     |                    |                               |  |                  |
| Swaps                 | \$ 89.5            | \$ 0.7                        | \$ 0.2   | \$ 1.2           |
| Floating to fixed     |                    |                               |  |                  |
| Swaps                 | 408.5              | (14.1)                        | 12.4   | (42.0)           |
| Swaptions             | 2,150.0            | 10.4                          | 107.9  | 0.0              |
|                       | <u>\$ 2,648.0</u>  | <u>\$ (3.0)</u>               | <u>\$ 120.5</u>  | <u>\$ (40.8)</u> |

We are also subject to foreign exchange risk arising from stable value contracts denominated in foreign currencies and related foreign currency swaps. As of December 31, 2007, stable value contracts of \$25.5 million had a foreign exchange loss of approximately \$11.0 million and the related foreign currency swaps had a net unrealized gain of approximately \$11.0 million. As of December 31, 2006, stable value contracts of \$288.9 million had a foreign exchange loss of approximately \$140.0 million and the related foreign currency swaps had a net unrealized gain of approximately \$145.1 million.

The following table sets forth the notional amount and fair value of the funding agreements and related foreign currency swaps as of December 31, 2007 and the estimated fair value resulting from a hypothetical 10% change in quoted foreign currency exchange rates from levels prevailing at December 31:

|                        | Notional Amount | Fair Value at December 31, | Fair Value Resulting From an Immediate +/- 10% Change in Foreign Currency Exchange Rates |                |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--|----------------|
|                        |                 |                            | +10%   | -10%           |
| (Dollars In Millions)  |                 |                            |  |                |
| <b>2007</b>            |                 |                            |  |                |
| Stable Value Contracts | \$ 25.5         | \$ (11.0)                  | \$ (14.6)  | \$ (7.3)       |
| Foreign Currency Swap  | 25.5            | 11.0                       | 12.4   | 9.5            |
|                        | <u>\$ 51.0</u>  | <u>\$ —</u>                | <u>\$ (2.2)</u>  | <u>\$ 2.2</u>  |
| <b>2006</b>            |                 |                            |  |                |
| Stable Value Contracts | \$ 288.9        | \$ (140.0)                 | \$ (182.9)   | \$ (97.1)      |
| Foreign Currency Swap  | 288.9           | 145.1                      | 159.5  | 130.8          |
|                        | <u>\$ 577.8</u> | <u>\$ 5.1</u>              | <u>\$ (23.4)</u>   | <u>\$ 33.7</u> |

Estimated gains and losses were derived using pricing models specific to derivative financial instruments. While these estimated gains and losses generally provide an indication of how sensitive our derivative financial instruments are to changes in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates, they do not represent management's view of future market changes, and actual market results may differ from these estimates.

Our stable value contract and annuity products tend to be more sensitive to market risks than our other products. As such, many of these products contain surrender charges and other features that reward persistency and penalize the early withdrawal of funds. Certain stable value and annuity contracts have market-value adjustments that protect us against investment losses if interest rates are higher at the time of surrender than at the time of issue. Additionally, approximately \$4.0 billion of our stable value contracts have no early termination rights.

As of December 31, 2007, we had \$5.0 billion of stable value product account balances with an estimated fair value of \$5.1 billion (using discounted cash flows), and \$8.7 billion of annuity account balances with an estimated fair value of \$8.5 billion (using surrender values). As of December 31, 2006, we had \$5.5 billion of stable value product account balances with an estimated fair value of \$5.5 billion (using discounted cash flows), and \$9.0 billion of annuity account balances with an estimated fair value of \$8.7 billion (using surrender values).

The following table sets forth the estimated fair values of our stable value and annuity account balances resulting from a hypothetical immediate one percentage point decrease in interest rates from levels prevailing as of December 31, 2007, and the percent change in fair value the following estimated fair values would represent:

| As of December 31,                    | Amount                | Percent Change |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                                       | (Dollars In Millions) |                |
| <b>2007</b>                           |                       |                |
| Stable value product account balances | \$ 5,248.7            | 2.4%           |
| Annuity account balances              | 8,820.2               | 4.5            |
| <b>2006</b>                           |                       |                |
| Stable value product account balances | \$ 5,638.5            | 2.3%           |
| Annuity account balances              | 9,117.0               | 4.6            |

Estimated fair values were derived from the durations of our stable value and annuity account balances. While these estimated fair values generally provide an indication of how sensitive the fair values of our stable value and annuity account balances are to changes in interest rates, they do not represent management's view of future market

changes, and actual market results may differ from these estimates.

A relatively immaterial amount of our liabilities relate to products (primarily whole life and term insurance), the profitability of which could be affected by changes in interest rates. The effect of such changes in any one year is not expected to be material.

Our runoff residual value line of business exposes us to the risk of changes in used vehicle prices. Reserves for this business are established based upon assumptions regarding the level of used vehicle prices. The following table sets forth the estimated changes in our reserves resulting from hypothetical immediate decreases in the assumed levels of used vehicle prices from those used to value the reserves established as of December 31, 2007:

|                | <u>Change in Used Vehicle Prices</u> |             |              |              |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
|                | <u>5.0%</u>                          | <u>2.5%</u> | <u>-2.5%</u> | <u>-5.0%</u> |
| Reserve change | \$ (0.7)                             | \$ (0.4)    | \$ 0.4       | \$ 0.8       |

As of December 31, 2007, we held retained beneficial interests of the commercial mortgage loan securitization completed during 2007 with a fair value of \$775.1 million. See Note 10, *Commercial Mortgage Securitizations*, for more information on this commercial mortgage loan securitization we completed during 2007. The sensitivity of the fair value to adverse changes of 10% and 20% in the discount rate is as follows:

|                   | <u>Increase in Discount Rate</u> |             |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
|                   | <u>10%</u>                       | <u>20%</u>  |
|                   | (Dollars in Thousands)           |             |
| Fair Value Change | \$ (37,504)                      | \$ (72,261) |

The sensitivities in the preceding table are hypothetical and should be used with caution. As the amounts indicate, changes in fair value based on variations in assumptions generally cannot be extrapolated because the relationship of the change in assumption to the change in fair value of an interest that continues to be held by the Company is calculated without changing any other assumption. In reality, changes in one factor may result in changes in another, which could magnify or counteract the sensitivities.

## Contractual Obligations

The table below sets forth future maturities of non-recourse funding obligations, stable value products, operating lease obligations, other property lease obligations, mortgage loan commitments, and policyholder obligations.

As of December 31, 2007, in accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an Interpretation of FASB Statement 109*, we recorded a \$24.7 million liability for uncertain tax positions, including interest on unrecognized tax benefits. These amounts are not included in the long-term contractual obligations table because of the difficulty in making reasonably reliable estimates of the occurrence or timing of cash settlements with the respective taxing authorities (see Note 1, *Business*, to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional discussion).

|                                     | Total        | Payments due by period |            |            |                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
|                                     |              | Less than<br>1 year    | 1-3 years  | 3-5 years  | More than<br>5 years |
|                                     |              | (Dollars In Thousands) |            |            |                      |
| Non-recourse funding obligations(a) | \$ 4,488,425 | \$ 87,600              | \$ 175,200 | \$ 175,200 | \$ 4,050,425         |
| Stable value products(b)            | 6,255,869    | 1,583,493              | 1,782,812  | 1,324,565  | 1,564,999            |
| Operating leases(c)                 | 32,602       | 6,675                  | 11,402     | 7,413      | 7,112                |
| Home office lease(d)                | 99,124       | 4,028                  | 8,045      | 8,034      | 79,017               |
| Mortgage loan commitments           | 861,697      | 861,697                | —          | —          | —                    |
| Policyholder obligations(e)         | 20,437,990   | 1,466,995              | 2,364,683  | 2,855,216  | 13,751,096           |

- (a) Non-recourse funding obligations include all principal amounts owed on note agreements and expected interest payments due over the term of the notes.
- (b) Anticipated stable value products cash flows including interest.
- (c) Includes all lease payments required under operating lease agreements.
- (d) The lease payments shown assume the Company exercises its option to purchase the building at the end of the lease term. Additionally, the payments due by period above were computed based on the terms of the renegotiated lease agreement, which was entered by the Company in January 2007.
- (e) Estimated contractual policyholder obligations are based on mortality, morbidity, and lapse assumptions comparable to the Company's historical experience, modified for recent observed trends. These obligations are based on current balance sheet values and include expected interest crediting, but do not incorporate an expectation of future market growth, or future deposits. Due to the significance of the assumptions used, the amounts presented could materially differ from actual results. As separate account obligations are legally insulated from general account obligations, the separate account obligations will be fully funded by cash flows from separate account assets. The Company expects to fully fund the general account obligations from cash flows from general account investments.

## RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

See Note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*, to the Consolidated Financial Statements for information regarding recently issued accounting standards.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

A proposal to amend Actuarial Guideline 38 (promulgated by the NAIC and part of the codification of statutory accounting principles) was approved by the NAIC, with an effective date of July 1, 2005. Actuarial Guideline 38, also known as AXXX, sets forth the reserve requirements for ULSG. The changes to Actuarial Guideline 38 increase the reserve levels required for many ULSG products, and potentially make those products more expensive and less competitive as compared to other products including term and whole life products. To the extent that the additional reserves are generally considered to be economically redundant, capital market or other solutions may emerge to reduce the impact of the amendment. See Note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* to the Consolidated Financial Statements for information regarding a recent capital market transaction designed to fund statutory reserves required by AXXX. The NAIC is continuing to study this issue and has issued additional changes to AG38 and Regulation XXX, which will have the effect of modestly decreasing the reserves required for term and universal life policies that are issued on January 1, 2007, and later. In addition, accounting and actuarial groups within the NAIC have studied whether to change the accounting standards that relate to certain reinsurance credits, and whether, if changes are made, they are to be applied retrospectively, prospectively only, or in a phased-in manner; a requirement to reduce the reserve credit on ceded business, if applied retroactively, would have a negative impact on our statutory capital. The NAIC is also currently working to reform state regulation in various areas, including comprehensive reforms relating to life insurance reserves.

Our ability to implement capital market solutions designed to fund excess statutory reserves on both the traditional and universal life blocks of business is dependent on factors such as our ratings, the size of the blocks of business affected, our mortality experience, credit market guarantors, and other factors. We cannot predict the continued availability of such solutions or the form that the solution may take. To the extent that such solutions are not available, our financial position could be adversely affected through impacts including, but not limited to, higher borrowing costs, surplus strain, lower sales capacity, and possible reduced earnings expectations. Management continues to monitor options related to these financing solutions.

During 2006, the NAIC made the determination that certain securities previously classified as "preferred securities" had both debt and equity characteristics and because of this, required unique reporting treatment. Under a short-term solution, NAIC guidance mandates that certain of these securities (meeting established criteria) may have to carry a lower rating for asset valuation reserve and risk based capital calculations. As a result, certain securities will receive a lower rating classification for asset valuation reserve and risk based capital calculations. The Company and its subsidiaries currently invest in these securities. As of December 31, 2007, we (including both insurance and non-insurance subsidiaries) held approximately \$941.7 million (statutory carrying value) in securities that meet the aforementioned "notch-down" criteria, depending on evaluation of the underlying characteristics of the securities. This reporting change is expected to have an immaterial effect on our capital and surplus position, but will increase the capital required to hold these assets. A working group made up of accounting, actuarial, and investment parties continue to investigate so as to determine what the appropriate long-term capital treatment should be for these securities. We cannot predict what impact a change in this guidance may have.

During 2006, the NAIC's Reinsurance Task Force adopted a proposal suggesting broad changes to the United States reinsurance market, with the stated intent to establish a regulatory system that distinguishes financially strong reinsurers from weak reinsurers, without relying exclusively on their state or country of domicile, with collateral to be determined as appropriate. The task force recommended that regulation of reinsurance procedures be amended to focus on broad based risk and credit criteria and not solely on U.S. licensure status. Evaluation of this proposal will be taken under consideration by the NAIC's Financial Condition (E) Committee, the Reinsurance Task Force's parent committee, as one of its charges during 2007. We cannot provide any assurance as to what impact such changes to the United States reinsurance industry will have on the availability, cost, or collateral restrictions associated with ongoing or future reinsurance transactions.

The NAIC is currently in the process of reviewing amendment(s) to the Unfair Trade Practices Act regarding the use of travel in insurance underwriting. The most recent amendment states that the denial of life insurance based upon an individual's past lawful travel experiences or future lawful travel plans, is prohibited unless such action is the result of the application of sound underwriting and actuarial principles related to actual or reasonably anticipated loss experience. We cannot predict what form the final proposal may take and therefore cannot predict what impact, if any, such changes would have on us.

The California Department of Insurance has promulgated proposed regulations that would characterize some life insurance agents as brokers and impose certain obligations on those agents that may conflict with the interests of insurance carriers or require the agent to, among other things, advise the client with respect to the best available insurer. We cannot predict the outcome of this regulatory proposal or whether any other state will propose or adopt similar actions.

In connection with our discontinued Lender's Indemnity product, we have discovered facts and circumstances that support allegations against third parties (including policyholders and the administrator of the associated loan program), and we have instituted litigation to establish the rights and liabilities of various parties; we have also received claims seeking to assert liability against us for various matters, including claims alleging payments owing for bad faith refusal to pay and payments with respect to policies for which premiums were not received by us and this matter is addressed by the pending litigation matters. In addition, we are defending an arbitration claim by the reinsurer of this Lender's Indemnity product. The reinsurer asserts that it is entitled to a return of most of the Lender's Indemnity claims that were paid on behalf of us by the administrator, claiming that the claims were not properly payable under the terms of the policies. The reinsurer was under common ownership with the program administrator, and we are vigorously defending this arbitration. Although we cannot predict the outcome of any litigation or arbitration, we do not believe that the outcome of these matters will have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

## **IMPACT OF INFLATION**

Inflation increases the need for life insurance. Many policyholders who once had adequate insurance programs may increase their life insurance coverage to provide the same relative financial benefit and protection. Higher interest rates may result in higher sales of certain of our investment products.

The higher interest rates that have traditionally accompanied inflation could also affect our operations. Policy loans increase as policy loan interest rates become relatively more attractive. As interest rates increase, disintermediation of stable value and annuity account balances and individual life policy cash values may increase. The market value of our fixed-rate, long-term investments may decrease, we may be unable to implement fully the interest rate reset and call provisions of its mortgage loans, and our ability to make attractive mortgage loans, including participating mortgage loans, may decrease. In addition, participating mortgage loan income may decrease. The difference between the interest rate earned on investments and the interest rate credited to life insurance and investment products may also be adversely affected by rising interest rates.

### **Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

The information required by this item is included in Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* and Item 8, *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*.

**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

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**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

|   | <b>For The Year Ended December 31,</b> |                   |                   |
|---|--|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | <b>2007</b>                            | <b>2006</b>       | <b>2005</b>       |
|   | (Dollars In Thousands)                 |                   |                   |
| <b>Revenues</b>   |  |                   |                   |
| Premiums and policy fees  | \$ 2,723,208                           | \$ 2,316,594      | \$ 1,944,796      |
| Reinsurance ceded   | (1,585,399)                            | (1,362,722)       | (1,208,864)       |
| Net of reinsurance ceded  | 1,137,809                              | 953,872           | 735,932           |
| Net investment income   | 1,613,803                              | 1,352,432         | 1,127,920         |
| Realized investment gains (losses):   |  |                   |                   |
| Derivative financial instruments  | (274)                                  | (21,555)          | (31,819)          |
| All other investments   | 4,804                                  | 101,864           | 37,934            |
| Other income  | 85,759                                 | 96,944            | 67,066            |
| Total revenue   | <u>2,841,901</u>                       | <u>2,483,557</u>  | <u>1,937,033</u>  |
| <b>Benefits and expenses</b>  |  |                   |                   |
| Benefits and settlement expenses, net of reinsurance ceded:<br>(2007 - \$1,540,744; 2006 - \$1,199,073; 2005 - \$1,008,670) | 1,880,017                              | 1,632,617         | 1,253,348         |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs and value of business acquired  | 269,639                                | 207,783           | 197,653           |
| Other operating expenses, net of reinsurance ceded:<br>(2007 - \$265,623; 2006 - \$244,060; 2005 - \$164,932)               | 296,289                                | 223,409           | 124,817           |
| Total benefits and expenses   | <u>2,445,945</u>                       | <u>2,063,809</u>  | <u>1,575,818</u>  |
| <b>Income before income tax</b>   | <u>395,956</u>                         | <u>419,748</u>    | <u>361,215</u>    |
| Income tax expense  |  |                   |                   |
| Current   | (47,305)                               | 19,268            | 19,035            |
| Deferred  | 190,828                                | 135,597           | 106,524           |
| Total income tax expense  | <u>143,523</u>                         | <u>154,865</u>    | <u>125,559</u>    |
| <b>Net income</b>   | <u>\$ 252,433</u>                      | <u>\$ 264,883</u> | <u>\$ 235,656</u> |

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**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

|  | <u>As of December 31,</u> |                      |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|
|  | <u>2007</u>               | <u>2006</u>          |
|  | (Dollars In Thousands)    |                      |
| <b>Assets</b>  |                           |                      |
| Investments:   |                           |                      |
| Fixed maturities, at market (amortized cost: 2007 - \$23,002,701; 2006 - \$20,755,718)                           | \$ 22,943,110             | \$ 20,923,891        |
| Equity securities, at market (cost: 2007 - \$59,588; 2006 - \$73,237)  | 64,226                    | 80,108               |
| Mortgage loans   | 3,275,678                 | 3,880,028            |
| Investment real estate, net of accumulated depreciation (2007 - \$283; 2006 - \$5,482)                           | 8,026                     | 37,928               |
| Policy loans   | 818,280                   | 839,502              |
| Other long-term investments  | 186,299                   | 306,012              |
| Short-term investments   | 1,218,116                 | 1,366,467            |
| Total investments  | 28,513,735                | 27,433,936           |
| Cash   | 106,507                   | 37,419               |
| Accrued investment income  | 274,825                   | 274,574              |
| Accounts and premiums receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts<br>(2007 - \$3,552; 2006 - \$3,386) | 77,997                    | 163,352              |
| Reinsurance receivable   | 5,033,748                 | 4,596,816            |
| Deferred policy acquisition costs and value of businesses acquired   | 3,339,748                 | 3,147,806            |
| Goodwill   | 92,579                    | 75,530               |
| Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation (2007 - \$109,307; 2006 -<br>\$106,333)                  | 40,754                    | 38,640               |
| Other assets   | 262,880                   | 205,054              |
| Income tax receivable  | 140,901                   | 126,738              |
| Assets related to separate accounts  |                           |                      |
| Variable annuity   | 2,910,606                 | 2,750,129            |
| Variable universal life  | 350,802                   | 307,863              |
| <b>Total Assets</b>  | <u>\$ 41,145,082</u>      | <u>\$ 39,157,857</u> |

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|  | As of December 31,   |                      |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | 2007                 | 2006                 |
| (Dollars In Thousands)   |                      |                      |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |                      |                      |
| Policy liabilities and accruals  |                      |                      |
| Future policy benefits and claims  | \$ 16,249,417        | \$ 15,113,277        |
| Unearned premiums  | 1,127,986            | 859,174              |
| Total policy liabilities and accruals  | 17,377,403           | 15,972,451           |
| Stable value product account balances  | 5,046,463            | 5,513,464            |
| Annuity account balances   | 8,708,383            | 8,958,089            |
| Other policyholders' funds   | 307,140              | 328,136              |
| Other liabilities  | 1,136,086            | 1,246,981            |
| Deferred income taxes  | 511,402              | 381,851              |
| Non-recourse funding obligations   | 1,375,000            | 425,000              |
| Liabilities related to variable interest entities  | —                    | 20,395               |
| Liabilities related to separate accounts   |                      |                      |
| Variable annuity   | 2,910,606            | 2,750,129            |
| Variable universal life  | 350,802              | 307,863              |
| Total liabilities  | 37,723,285           | 35,904,359           |
| <b>Commitments and contingent liabilities - Note 11</b>  |                      |                      |
| <b>Shareowners' equity</b>   |                      |                      |
| Preferred Stock, \$1 par value   |                      |                      |
| Shares authorized and issued: 2,000, liquidation preference \$2,000                                      | 2                    | 2                    |
| Common Stock, \$1 par value  |                      |                      |
| Shares authorized and issued: 5,000,000  | 5,000                | 5,000                |
| Additional paid-in-capital   | 1,120,996            | 1,114,269            |
| Note receivable from PLC Employee Stock Ownership Plan   | (1,445)              | (1,995)              |
| Retained earnings  | 2,354,721            | 2,100,404            |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income   |                      |                      |
| Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments, net of income tax:<br>(2007 - \$(25,192); 2006 - \$22,811) | (45,255)             | 41,772               |
| Accumulated gain (loss) - hedging, net of income tax:<br>(2007 - \$(6,779); 2006 - \$(3,299))            | (12,222)             | (5,954)              |
| Total shareowners' equity  | 3,421,797            | 3,253,498            |
| <b>Total liabilities and shareowners' equity</b>   | <b>\$ 41,145,082</b> | <b>\$ 39,157,857</b> |

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**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREOWNERS' EQUITY**

|  | Preferred<br>Stock | Common<br>Stock | Additional<br>Paid-In-<br>Capital | Note<br>Receivable<br>From<br>PLC<br>ESOP | Retained<br>Earnings | Net Unrealized<br>Gains / (Losses)<br>on Investments | Accumulated<br>Gain / (Loss)<br>Hedging | Total<br>Share<br>Owners'<br>Equity |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| (Dollars In Thousands)   |                    |                 |                                   |   |                      |  |   |                                     |
| Balance, December 31, 2004   | \$ 2               | \$ 5,000        | \$ 932,805                        | \$ (2,983)                                | \$1,653,954          | \$ 287,670   | \$ 8,616                                | \$2,885,064                         |
| Net income for 2005  |                    |                 |                                   |   | 235,657              |  |   | 235,657                             |
| Change in net unrealized gains/losses on investments, (net of income tax - \$(84,575))                           |                    |                 |                                   |   |                      | (159,318)  |   | (159,318)                           |
| Reclassification adjustment for amounts included in net income, (net of income tax - \$12,529)                   |                    |                 |                                   |   |                      | (23,599)   |   | (23,599)                            |
| Change in accumulated gain (loss) hedging, (net of income tax - \$4,246)   |                    |                 |                                   |   |                      |  | (7,886)                                 | (7,886)                             |
| Decrease in note receivable from PLC ESOP  |                    |                 |                                   | 476                                       |                      |  |   | 44,854                              |
|  |                    |                 |                                   |   |                      |  |   | 476                                 |
| Balance, December 31, 2005   | 2                  | 5,000           | 932,805                           | (2,507)                                   | 1,889,611            | 104,753  | 730                                     | 2,930,394                           |
| Net income for 2006  |                    |                 |                                   |   | 264,883              |  |   | 264,883                             |
| Change in net unrealized gains/losses on investments, (net of income tax - \$(4,974))                            |                    |                 |                                   |   |                      | (8,954)  |   | (8,954)                             |
| Reclassification adjustment for amounts included in net income, (net of income tax - \$(30,010))                 |                    |                 |                                   |   |                      | (54,027)   |   | (54,027)                            |
| Change in accumulated gain (loss) hedging, (net of income tax - \$(3,692))                                       |                    |                 |                                   |   |                      |  | (6,684)                                 | (6,684)                             |
| Comprehensive income for 2006  |                    |                 |                                   |   |                      |  |   | 195,218                             |
| Capital contributions  |                    |                 | 181,464                           |   |                      |  |   | 181,464                             |
| Non-cash dividends   |                    |                 |                                   |   | (54,090)             |  |   | (54,090)                            |
| Decrease in note receivable from PLC ESOP  |                    |                 |                                   | 512                                       |                      |  |   | 512                                 |
| Balance, December 31, 2006   | 2                  | 5,000           | 1,114,269                         | (1,995)                                   | 2,100,404            | 41,772   | (5,954)                                 | \$3,253,498                         |
| Net income for 2007  |                    |                 |                                   |   | 252,433              |  |   | 252,433                             |
| Change in net unrealized gains/losses on investments, (net of income tax - \$(46,909))                           |                    |                 |                                   |   |                      | (84,268)   |   | (84,268)                            |
| Reclassification adjustment for amounts included in net income, (net of income tax - \$(1,536))                  |                    |                 |                                   |   |                      | (2,759)  |   | (2,759)                             |
| Change in accumulated gain (loss) hedging, (net of income tax - \$(2,650))                                       |                    |                 |                                   |   |                      |  | (4,778)                                 | (4,778)                             |
| Reclassification adjustment for amounts for hedging amounts included in net income (net of income tax - \$(828)) |                    |                 |                                   |   |                      |  | (1,490)                                 | (1,490)                             |
| Comprehensive income for 2007  |                    |                 |                                   |   |                      |  |   | 159,138                             |
| Capital contributions  |                    |                 | 6,727                             |   |                      |  |   | 6,727                               |
| Cumulative effect adjustments (FIN48 and FAS155)   |                    |                 |                                   |   | 1,884                |  |   | 1,884                               |
| Decrease in note receivable from PLC ESOP  |                    |                 |                                   | 550                                       |                      |  |   | 550                                 |
| Balance, December 31, 2007   | \$ 2               | \$ 5,000        | \$1,120,996                       | \$ (1,445)                                | \$2,354,721          | \$ (45,255)  | \$ (12,222)                             | \$3,421,797                         |

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**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

|   | <b>For The Year Ended December 31,</b> |                  |                    |
|---|--|------------------|--------------------|
|   | <b>2007</b>                            | <b>2006</b>      | <b>2005</b>        |
|   | <b>(Dollars In Thousands)</b>          |                  |                    |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>   |  |                  |                    |
| Net income  | \$ 252,433                             | \$ 264,883       | \$ 235,656         |
| Adjustment to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:                    |  |                  |                    |
| Realized investment gains   | (4,530)                                | (80,309)         | (6,115)            |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs and value of businesses acquired                  | 269,639                                | 207,783          | 197,652            |
| Capitalization of deferred policy acquisition costs   | (411,987)                              | (325,001)        | (467,610)          |
| Depreciation expense  | 10,608                                 | 12,680           | 14,605             |
| Deferred income taxes   | 183,271                                | 107,233          | 106,880            |
| Accrued income taxes  | (14,238)                               | (48,832)         | (104,723)          |
| Interest credited to universal life and investment products   | 1,010,944                              | 891,627          | 726,301            |
| Policy fees assessed on universal life and investment products                                      | (570,420)                              | (507,391)        | (421,447)          |
| Change in reinsurance receivables   | (436,932)                              | (509,943)        | (288,145)          |
| Change in accrued investment income and other receivables   | 85,104                                 | (86,782)         | (18,500)           |
| Change in policy liabilities and other policyholders' funds of traditional life and health products | 453,376                                | 593,362          | 489,104            |
| Trading securities:   |  |                  |                    |
| Maturities and principal reductions of investments  | 370,042                                | 184,814          | —                  |
| Sale of investments   | 1,816,728                              | 2,460,031        | —                  |
| Cost of investments acquired  | (2,244,453)                            | (2,415,924)      | —                  |
| Other net change in trading securities  | 239,731                                | (309,255)        | —                  |
| Change in other liabilities   | 14,985                                 | 111,355          | (225)              |
| Other, net  | (148,422)                              | (70,112)         | (6,127)            |
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>  | <b>875,879</b>                         | <b>480,219</b>   | <b>457,306</b>     |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>   |  |                  |                    |
| Investments available for sale:   |  |                  |                    |
| Maturities and principal reductions of investments:   |  |                  |                    |
| Fixed maturities  | 1,372,856                              | 1,176,065        | 1,777,082          |
| Equity securities   | —                                      | 100              | 377                |
| Sale of investments:  |  |                  |                    |
| Fixed maturities  | 2,202,617                              | 5,017,210        | 4,342,484          |
| Equity securities   | 61,603                                 | 5,007            | 5,302              |
| Cost of investments acquired:   |  |                  |                    |
| Fixed maturities  | (4,629,088)                            | (5,777,805)      | (7,508,400)        |
| Equity securities   | (44,189)                               | (3,868)          | (57,435)           |
| Mortgage loans:   |  |                  |                    |
| New borrowings  | (900,739)                              | (1,055,998)      | (745,797)          |
| Repayments  | 484,513                                | 452,697          | 448,515            |
| Change in investment real estate, net   | 34,809                                 | 56,422           | 32,410             |
| Change in policy loans, net   | 21,222                                 | (69)             | 23,955             |
| Change in other long-term investments, net  | (34,200)                               | 14,060           | (13,008)           |
| Change in short-term investments, net   | (121,641)                              | 31,055           | 95,064             |
| Purchase of property and equipment  | (12,752)                               | (7,500)          | (10,016)           |
| Payments for business acquisitions, net of cash acquired of \$394,366 (2006)                        | —                                      | (539,218)        | —                  |
| <b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>  | <b>(1,564,989)</b>                     | <b>(631,842)</b> | <b>(1,609,467)</b> |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>   |  |                  |                    |
| Principal payments on line of credit arrangements and debt  | —                                      | —                | (2,202)            |
| Payments on liabilities related to variable interest entities                                       | (20,395)                               | (22,209)         | (17,986)           |
| Net proceeds from securities sold under repurchase agreements                                       | (16,949)                               | 16,949           | —                  |
| Issuance of non-recourse funding obligations  | 950,000                                | 300,000          | 125,000            |
| Capital contributions   | 6,727                                  | 160,000          | —                  |
| Investment product and universal life deposits  | 3,429,793                              | 2,419,734        | 2,943,455          |
| Investment product and universal life withdrawals   | (3,555,442)                            | (2,640,427)      | (2,025,876)        |
| Other financing activities, net   | (35,536)                               | (97,091)         | 71,400             |
| <b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>  | <b>758,198</b>                         | <b>136,956</b>   | <b>1,093,791</b>   |
| <b>Change in cash</b>   | <b>69,088</b>                          | <b>(14,667)</b>  | <b>(58,370)</b>    |
| <b>Cash at beginning of year</b>  | <b>37,419</b>                          | <b>52,086</b>    | <b>110,456</b>     |
| <b>Cash at end of year</b>  | <b>\$ 106,507</b>                      | <b>\$ 37,419</b> | <b>\$ 52,086</b>   |

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**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. BUSINESS**

**Nature of Operations**

Protective Life Insurance Company (the "Company"), a stock life insurance company, was founded in 1907. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Protective Life Corporation ("PLC"), an insurance holding company whose common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol: PL). The Company provides financial services through the production, distribution, and administration of insurance and investment products. The Company markets individual life insurance, credit life and disability insurance, guaranteed investment contracts, guaranteed funding agreements, fixed and variable annuities, and extended service contracts throughout the United States. The Company also maintains a separate division devoted to the acquisition of insurance policies from other companies.

The operating results of companies in the insurance industry have historically been subject to significant fluctuations due to changing competition, economic conditions, interest rates, investment performance, insurance ratings, claims, persistency, and other factors.

**Entities Included**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Protective Life Insurance Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. The Company's financial statements also include the accounts of certain variable interest entities in which the Company is considered the primary beneficiary. Intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Presentation**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). Such accounting principles differ from statutory reporting practices used by insurance companies in reporting to state regulatory authorities (see also Note 17, *Statutory Reporting Practices and Other Regulatory Matters*).

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The most significant estimates include those used in determining deferred policy acquisition costs ("DAC") and amortization periods, goodwill recoverability, value of business acquired ("VOBA"), investments fair values and impairments, future policy benefits, pension and other postretirement benefits, provision for income taxes, reserves for contingent liabilities, reinsurance risk transfer assessments, and reserves for losses in connection with unresolved legal matters.

**Investments**

Investments are reported on the following bases:

- Fixed maturities consist of bonds and redeemable preferred stocks, and are carried at fair value on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Fair values are determined using current market values when available. Where market values are unavailable, the Company obtains estimates from independent pricing services or estimates market value based upon a comparison to quoted issues of the same issuer or issues of other issuers with similar terms and risk characteristics.

- Equity securities (common and nonredeemable preferred stocks) are carried at fair value.
- Mortgage loans are carried at unpaid balances, adjusted for loan origination costs, net of fees, and amortization of premium or discount. Mortgage loans are also recorded net of an allowance for credit losses. This allowance is calculated through analysis of specific loans that are believed to be at a higher risk of becoming impaired in the near future.
- Investment real estate is carried at cost, less allowances for depreciation computed on the straight-line method. With respect to real estate acquired through foreclosure, cost is the lesser of the loan balance plus foreclosure costs or appraised value.
- Policy loans are carried at unpaid balances.
- Other long-term investments are carried at a variety of methods similar to those listed above, as deemed appropriate for the specific investment.
- Short-term investments are carried at amortized cost, which approximates current market value, except collateral from securities lending which is recorded at current market value. Substantially all short-term investments have maturities of three months or less at the time of acquisition.

Estimated market values were derived from the durations of our fixed maturities and mortgage loans. Duration measures the relationship between changes in market value to changes in interest rates. While these estimated market values generally provide an indication of how sensitive the market values of the Company's fixed maturities and mortgage loans are to changes in interest rates, actual market results may differ from these estimates.

The market values of fixed maturities change due to interest rate changes, credit related events, and other factors. As prescribed by U.S. GAAP, investments deemed as "available for sale" are recorded at their market values with the resulting unrealized gains and losses reduced by a related adjustment to DAC and VOBA, net of income tax, reported as a component of shareowners' equity. Furthermore, investments deemed as trading securities are recorded at their market values with any resulting unrealized gains and losses reported in net investment income as they occur.

Investment securities are regularly reviewed for impairment. Unrealized losses that are deemed to be other than temporary are recognized in realized gains (losses). See Note 4, *Investment Operations* for further discussion of our policies regarding identification of other-than-temporary impairments. Realized gains and losses on sales of investments are recognized in net income using the specific identification basis.

#### **Cash**

Cash includes all demand deposits reduced by the amount of outstanding checks and drafts. As a result of our cash management system, checks issued but not presented to banks for payment may create negative book cash balances. Such negative balances are included in other liabilities and totaled \$89.8 million and \$10.4 million as of December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively. The Company has deposits with certain financial institutions which exceed federally insured limits. The Company has reviewed the creditworthiness of these financial institutions and believes there is minimal risk of a material loss.

#### **Deferred Policy Acquisition Costs**

The costs that vary with and are primarily related to the production of new business are deferred to the extent such costs are deemed recoverable from future profits. Such costs include commissions and other costs of acquiring traditional life and health insurance, credit insurance, universal life insurance, and investment products. DAC are subject to recoverability testing at the end of each accounting period. Traditional life and health insurance acquisition costs are amortized over the premium-payment period of the related policies in proportion to the ratio of annual premium income to the present value of the total anticipated premium income. Credit insurance acquisition costs are being amortized in proportion to earned premium. Acquisition costs for universal life and investment products are amortized over the lives of the policies in relation to the present value of estimated gross profits before amortization.

Under Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 97, *Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises for Certain Long-Duration Contracts and for Realized Gains and Losses from the Sale of Investments*, the Company makes certain assumptions regarding the mortality, persistency, expenses, and interest rates (equal to the rate used to compute liabilities for future policy benefits, currently 2.7% to 12.6%) the Company expects to experience in future periods. These assumptions are to be best estimates and are periodically updated whenever actual experience and/or expectations for the future change from that assumed. Additionally, relating to SFAS No. 115, *Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities*, these costs have been adjusted by an amount equal to the amortization that would have been recorded if unrealized gains or losses on investments associated with our universal life and investment products had been realized. Acquisition costs for stable value contracts are amortized over the term of the contracts using the effective yield method.

### Value of Business Acquired

In conjunction with the acquisition of a block of insurance policies or investment contracts, a portion of the purchase price is assigned to the right to receive future gross profits from the acquired insurance policies or investment contracts. This intangible asset, called VOBA, represents the actuarially estimated present value of future cash flows from the acquired policies. The Company amortizes VOBA in proportion to gross premiums for SFAS No. 60, *Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises* products and in proportion to expected gross profits ("EGPs") for SFAS No. 97 products, including accrued interest credited to account balances of up to approximately 11%.

### Goodwill

Goodwill is not amortized but is tested for impairment at least annually. The Company evaluates the carrying value of goodwill during the fourth quarter of each year and between annual evaluations if events occur or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of the reporting unit below its carrying amount. Such circumstances could include, but are not limited to: (1) a significant adverse change in legal factors or in business climate, (2) unanticipated competition, or (3) an adverse action or assessment by a regulator. When evaluating whether goodwill is impaired, the Company compares the fair value of the reporting unit to which the goodwill is assigned to the reporting unit's carrying amount, including goodwill. At October 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company evaluated goodwill and determined that fair value had not decreased below carrying value and no adjustment to impair goodwill was necessary in accordance with SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*.

### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are reported at cost, including interest capitalized during any acquisition or development period, less accumulated depreciation. The Company primarily uses the straight-line method of depreciation based upon the estimated useful lives of the assets. The Company's home office building is depreciated over a thirty-nine year useful life, furniture is depreciated over a ten year useful life, office equipment and machines are depreciated over a five year useful life, and software and computers are depreciated over a three year useful life. Major repairs or improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Other repairs are expensed as incurred. The cost and related accumulated depreciation of property and equipment sold or retired are removed from the accounts, and resulting gains or losses are included in income.

Property and equipment consisted of the following at December 31:

|  | <u>2007</u>            | <u>2006</u>      |
|--|------------------------|------------------|
|  | (Dollars In Thousands) |                  |
| Home office building                       | \$ 56,108              | \$ 54,002        |
| Data processing equipment                  | 45,321                 | 42,562           |
| Other, principally furniture and equipment | <u>48,632</u>          | <u>48,409</u>    |
|  | 150,061                | 144,973          |
| Accumulated depreciation                   | <u>(109,307)</u>       | <u>(106,333)</u> |
|  | <u>\$ 40,754</u>       | <u>\$ 38,640</u> |

## Separate Accounts

The separate account assets represent funds for which the Company does not bear the investment risk. These assets are carried at fair value and are equal to the separate account liabilities, which represent the policyholder's equity in those assets. These amounts are reported separately as assets and liabilities related to separate accounts in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Amounts assessed against policy account balances for the costs of insurance, policy administration, and other services are included in premiums and policy fees in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income.

## Stable Value Product Account Balances

The Company markets guaranteed investment contracts ("GICs") to 401(k) and other qualified retirement savings plans, and fixed and floating rate funding agreements to the trustees of municipal bond proceeds, institutional investors, bank trust departments, and money market funds. Through the Company's registered funding agreement-backed note program, the Company is able to offer secured notes to both institutional and retail investors. GICs are generally contracts that specify a return on deposits for a specified period and often provide flexibility for withdrawals at book value in keeping with the benefits provided by the plan. Stable value product account balances include GICs and funding agreements the Company has issued. At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company had \$3.7 billion and \$4.0 billion, respectively, of stable value product account balances marketed through structured programs. Most GICs and funding agreements the Company has written have maturities of three to ten years. At December 31, 2007, future maturities of stable value products, excluding interest, were \$1.4 billion in 2008, \$1.5 billion in 2009-2010, \$1.1 billion in 2011-2012, and \$1.0 billion after 2012.

## Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company utilizes a risk management strategy that incorporates the use of derivative financial instruments to reduce its exposure to interest rate risk, inflation risk, currency exchange risk, and equity market risk. These strategies are developed through the asset/liability committee's analysis of data from financial simulation models and other internal and industry sources and are then incorporated into our risk management program.

Derivative instruments expose the Company to credit and market risk and could result in material changes from period to period. The Company minimizes its credit risk by entering into transactions with highly rated counterparties. The Company manages the market risk associated with interest rate and foreign exchange contracts by establishing and monitoring limits as to the types and degrees of risk that may be undertaken. The Company monitors its use of derivatives in connection with our overall asset/liability management programs and strategies.

Derivative instruments that are currently used as part of our interest rate risk management strategy include interest rate swaps, interest rate futures, interest rate options, and interest rate swaptions. The Company's inflation risk management strategy involves the use of swaps that requires us to pay a fixed rate and receive a floating rate that is based on changes in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"). The Company uses foreign currency swaps to manage its exposure to changes in the value of foreign currency denominated stable value contracts and related cash flows. The Company also uses S&P 500<sup>®</sup> options to mitigate its exposure to the value of equity indexed annuity contracts.

SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* requires that all derivative instruments be recognized in the balance sheet at fair value. The Company records its derivative instruments on the balance sheet in "other long-term investments" and "other liabilities". The accounting for changes in fair value of a derivative instrument depends on whether it has been designated and qualifies as part of a hedging relationship and further, on the type of hedging relationship. For those derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as hedging instruments, a company must designate the hedging instrument, based upon the exposure being hedged, as a fair value hedge, cash flow hedge or a hedge related to foreign currency exposure. For derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges, the effective portion of the gain or loss realized on the derivative instrument is reported as a component of other comprehensive income and reclassified into earnings in the same period during which the hedged transaction impacts earnings. The remaining gain or loss on these derivatives is recognized as ineffectiveness in current earnings during the period of the change. For derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges, the gain or loss on the derivative instrument as well as the offsetting loss or gain on the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk are recognized in current earnings during the period of change in fair values. Effectiveness of the Company's

hedge relationships is assessed on a quarterly basis. The Company accounts for changes in fair values of derivatives that are not part of a qualifying hedge relationship through earnings in the period of change. Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are recognized in current earnings are reported in "realized investment gains (losses) – derivative financial instruments".

### Cash-Flow Hedges

- In 2002, the Company entered into a foreign currency swap to hedge the risk of changes in the value of interest and principal payments to be made on certain foreign-currency-based stable value contracts. During 2007, the Company exited from this swap. Under the terms of the swap, the Company paid a fixed U.S.-dollar-denominated rate and received a fixed foreign-currency-denominated rate.
- During 2004 and 2005, in connection with the issuance of inflation adjusted funding agreements, the Company entered into swaps to convert the floating CPI-linked interest rate on the contracts to a fixed rate. The Company paid a fixed rate on the swap and received a floating rate equal to the CPI change paid on the funding agreements.
- During 2006, the Company entered into swaps to convert CMT (Constant Maturity Treasury) based floating rate interest payments on funding agreements to fixed rate interest payments.
- During 2006 and 2007, the Company entered into interest rate swaps to convert LIBOR based floating rate interest payments on funding agreements to fixed rate interest payments.

The Company designated these swaps as cash flow hedges and therefore recorded the change in the fair value of the swap during the period in accumulated other comprehensive income. Gains and losses on these swaps are reclassified from other comprehensive income to current earnings as interest payments are made on the funding agreements. For the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005, the amount of hedge ineffectiveness reported in income was a \$4.2 million gain, \$0.6 million gain, and a \$0.2 million gain, respectively. Additionally, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company reported an after-tax decrease to accumulated other comprehensive income of \$6.3 million and \$6.7 million, respectively, related to our cash flow hedges. During 2008, the Company expects to reclassify \$2.4 million out of accumulated other comprehensive income into earnings.

**Other Derivatives.** The Company also uses various other derivative instruments for risk management purposes that either do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment or have not currently been designated by the Company for hedge accounting treatment. Changes in the fair value of these derivatives are recognized in earnings during the period of change.

- The Company uses certain foreign currency swaps, which are not designated as cash flow hedges, to mitigate the Company's exposure to changes in currency rates. For 2007, 2006, and 2005, the Company recorded a pre-tax gain of \$3.5 million, a pre-tax gain of \$3.4 million, and a pre-tax loss of \$33.3 million on these swaps, respectively. In connection with these swaps, the Company also recognized a \$3.5 million pre-tax loss, a \$3.4 million pre-tax loss, and a \$33.4 million pre-tax gain, respectively, during 2007, 2006, and 2005 as the change in value of the related foreign currency denominated stable value contracts. These net gains or losses primarily result from differences in the forward and spot exchange rates used to revalue the swaps and the stable value contracts.
- The Company also uses short positions in interest rate futures to mitigate the interest rate risk associated with our mortgage loan commitments. During 2007, 2006, and 2005, the Company recognized a pre-tax loss of \$3.7 million, a pre-tax gain of \$26.7 million, and a pre-tax loss of \$10.3 million, respectively, as a result of changes in value of these futures positions.
- The Company uses other interest rate swaps, options, and swaptions to manage the interest rate risk in the Company's mortgage-backed security portfolio. For 2007, 2006, and 2005, the Company recognized a pre-tax loss of \$10.5 million, a pre-tax loss of \$1.6 million, and a pre-tax loss of \$14.0 million, respectively, for the change in fair value of these derivatives.

- During 2005, the Company exited from asset swap arrangements that would, in effect, sell the equity options embedded in owned convertible bonds in exchange for an interest rate swap that converts the remaining host bond to a variable rate instrument. In 2005, the Company recognized a \$0.6 million gain for the change in the asset swaps' fair value and recognized a \$0.3 million gain to separately record the embedded equity options at fair value.
- The Company is involved in various modified coinsurance and funds withheld arrangements which, in accordance with DIG B36, contain embedded derivatives that must report changes in fair value through current period earnings. The change in fair value of these derivatives resulted in the recognition of a \$10.7 million pre-tax gain, \$44.5 million pre-tax loss and a \$1.0 million pre-tax loss in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively. The gain during 2007 on these embedded derivatives was the result of spread widening, partially offset by lower interest rates. The loss during 2006 was primarily the result of decreasing interest rates during the second half of 2006. The investment portfolios that support the related modified coinsurance reserves and funds withheld arrangements had mark-to-market changes offset the gains or losses on these embedded derivatives.
- During 2005, the Company began marketing equity indexed annuities. Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted SFAS No. 155, *Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments – an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140* and elected the fair value option for valuing the reserve liabilities associated with the Company's EIA product. Under SFAS No. 155, the entire reserve liability is valued using fair value, whereas prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 155, the embedded derivative was bifurcated and valued under SFAS No. 133 guidance and the annuity host contract was valued under SFAS No. 97. Prior to 2007, under SFAS No. 133, the equity market component, where interest credited to the contracts was linked to the performance of the S&P 500® index, was considered an embedded derivative. The change in fair value of the embedded derivative resulted in a \$5.7 million pre-tax loss and a \$0.6 million pre-tax loss in 2006 and 2005, respectively. The Company utilized S&P 500® options to mitigate the risk associated with equity indexed annuity contracts. The Company recognized a \$0.5 million pre-tax gain, \$2.9 million pre-tax gain, and a \$0.2 million pre-tax gain on its S&P 500® options in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively.
- During 2007, the Company began marketing certain variable annuity products with a guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefit ("GMWB") rider. Under SFAS No. 133, the GMWB component is considered an embedded derivative, not considered to be clearly and closely related to the host contract. The change in fair value of the embedded derivative resulted in a \$0.5 million pre-tax loss in 2007.

## **Policyholder Liabilities, Revenues, and Benefits Expense**

### **Traditional Life, Health, and Credit Insurance Products**

Traditional life insurance products consist principally of those products with fixed and guaranteed premiums and benefits, and they include whole life insurance policies, term and term-like life insurance policies, limited payment life insurance policies, and certain annuities with life contingencies. Life insurance premiums are recognized as revenue when due. Health and credit insurance premiums are recognized as revenue over the terms of the policies. Benefits and expenses are associated with earned premiums so that profits are recognized over the life of the contracts. This is accomplished by means of the provision for liabilities for future policy benefits and the amortization of DAC and VOBA. Gross premiums in excess of net premiums related to immediate annuities are deferred and recognized over the life of the policy.

Liabilities for future policy benefits on traditional life insurance products have been computed using a net level method including assumptions as to investment yields, mortality, persistency, and other assumptions based on the Company's experience, modified as necessary to reflect anticipated trends and to include provisions for possible adverse deviation. Reserve investment yield assumptions on December 31, 2007 range from approximately 5.0% to 7.0%. The liability for future policy benefits and claims on traditional life, health, and credit insurance products includes estimated unpaid claims that have been reported to us and claims incurred but not yet reported. Policy claims are charged to expense in the period in which the claims are incurred.

Activity in the liability for unpaid claims for life and health insurance is summarized as follows:

|                                   | <u>2007</u>            | <u>2006</u>       | <u>2005</u>       |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                   | (Dollars In Thousands) |                   |                   |
| Balance beginning of year         | \$ 167,757             | \$ 134,104        | \$ 135,015        |
| Less: reinsurance                 | 59,654                 | 61,655            | 66,788            |
| Net balance beginning of year     | <u>108,103</u>         | <u>72,449</u>     | <u>68,227</u>     |
| Incurred related to:              |                        |                   |                   |
| Current year                      | 447,752                | 395,873           | 258,138           |
| Prior year                        | (13,619)               | (9,685)           | (2,247)           |
| Total incurred                    | <u>434,133</u>         | <u>386,188</u>    | <u>255,891</u>    |
| Paid related to:                  |                        |                   |                   |
| Current year                      | 360,308                | 304,177           | 208,832           |
| Prior year                        | 57,270                 | 55,349            | 42,837            |
| Total paid                        | <u>417,578</u>         | <u>359,526</u>    | <u>251,669</u>    |
| Other changes:                    |                        |                   |                   |
| Acquisition and reserve transfers | —                      | 8,992             | —                 |
| Net balance end of year           | 124,658                | 108,103           | 72,449            |
| Plus reinsurance                  | 113,011                | 59,654            | 61,655            |
| Balance end of year               | <u>\$ 237,669</u>      | <u>\$ 167,757</u> | <u>\$ 134,104</u> |

### Universal Life and Investment Products

Universal life and investment products include universal life insurance, guaranteed investment contracts, guaranteed funding agreements, deferred annuities, and annuities without life contingencies. Premiums and policy fees for universal life and investment products consist of fees that have been assessed against policy account balances for the costs of insurance, policy administration, and surrenders. Such fees are recognized when assessed and earned. Benefit reserves for universal life and investment products represent policy account balances before applicable surrender charges plus certain deferred policy initiation fees that are recognized in income over the term of the policies. Policy benefits and claims that are charged to expense include benefit claims incurred in the period in excess of related policy account balances and interest credited to policy account balances. Interest rates credited to universal life products ranged from 3.0% to 12.6% and investment products ranged from 2.25% to 7.25% in 2007.

The Company's accounting policies with respect to variable universal life and variable annuities are identical except that policy account balances (excluding account balances that earn a fixed rate) are valued at market and reported as components of assets and liabilities related to separate accounts.

Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted SFAS No. 155, *Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments – an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140*, related to its equity indexed annuity product. SFAS No. 155 requires that the Company record the liability related to this block of business at fair value at each balance sheet date, with changes in the fair value recorded through earnings. Changes in this liability may be significantly affected by interest rate fluctuations.

The Company establishes liabilities for guaranteed minimum death benefits ("GMDB") on our variable annuity products. The methods used to estimate the liabilities employ assumptions about mortality and the performance of equity markets. The Company assumes mortality of 65% of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners 1994 Variable Annuity GMDB Mortality Table. Future declines in the equity market would increase our GMDB liability. Differences between the actual experience and the assumptions used result in variances in profit and could result in losses. Our GMDB liability, as of December 31, 2007, was subject to a dollar-for-dollar reduction upon withdrawal of related annuity deposits on contracts issued prior to January 1, 2003. As of December 31, 2007, our net GMDB liability held was \$0.6 million.

The Company also establishes liabilities for GMWBs on its variable annuity products. The GMWB liability is valued in accordance with SFAS No. 133 which requires the liability to be marked-to-market using current implied volatilities for the equity indices. The methods used to estimate the liabilities employ assumptions, primarily about mortality and lapses, equity market and interest returns, and market volatility. The Company assumes mortality of 65%

of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners 1994 Variable Annuity GMDM Mortality Table. Differences between the actual experience and the assumptions used result in variances in profit and could result in losses.

### **Property and Casualty Insurance Products**

Property and casualty insurance products include service contract business, surety bonds, residual value insurance, guaranteed asset protection ("GAP"), credit-related coverages, and inventory protection products. Premiums for service contracts and GAP products are recognized based on expected claim patterns. For all other products, premiums are generally recognized over the terms of the contract on a pro-rata basis. Fee income from providing administrative services is recognized as earned when the related services are performed. Unearned premium reserves are maintained for the portion of the premiums that is related to the unexpired period of the policy. Benefit reserves are recorded when insured events occur. Benefit reserves include case basis reserves for known but unpaid claims as of the balance sheet date as well as incurred but not reported ("IBNR") reserves for claims where the insured event has occurred but has not been reported to us as of the balance sheet date. The case basis reserves and IBNR are calculated based on historical experience and on assumptions relating to claim severity and frequency, the level of used vehicle prices, and other factors. These assumptions are modified as necessary to reflect anticipated trends.

### **Reinsurance**

The Company uses reinsurance extensively in certain of its segments. The following summarizes some of the key aspects of the Company's accounting policies for reinsurance:

**Reinsurance Accounting Methodology** – The Company accounts for reinsurance under the provisions of SFAS No. 113. The methodology for accounting for the impact of reinsurance on the Company's life insurance and annuity products is determined by whether the specific products are subject to SFAS No. 60 or SFAS No. 97.

The Company's traditional life insurance products are subject to SFAS No. 60 and the recognition of the impact of reinsurance costs on the Company's financial statements reflect the requirements of that pronouncement. Ceded premiums are treated as an offset to direct premium and policy fee revenue and are recognized when due to the assuming company. Ceded claims are treated as an offset to direct benefits and settlement expenses and are recognized when the claim is incurred on a direct basis. Ceded policy reserve changes are also treated as an offset to benefits and settlement expenses and are recognized during the applicable financial reporting period. Expense allowances paid by the assuming companies are treated as an offset to other operating expenses. Since reinsurance treaties typically provide for allowance percentages that decrease over the lifetime of a policy, allowances in excess of the "ultimate" or final level allowance are capitalized. Amortization of capitalized reinsurance expense allowances is treated as an offset to direct amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs or value of business acquired ("VOBA"). Amortization of deferred expense allowances is calculated as a level percentage of expected premiums in all durations given expected future lapses and mortality and accretion due to interest.

The Company's short duration insurance contracts (primarily issued through the Asset Protection segment) are also subject to SFAS No. 60 and the recognition of the impact of reinsurance costs on the Company's financial statements also reflect the requirements of that pronouncement. Reinsurance allowances include such acquisition costs as commissions and premium taxes. A ceding fee is also collected to cover other administrative costs and profits for the Company. Reinsurance allowances received are capitalized and charged to expense in proportion to premiums earned. Ceded unamortized acquisition costs are netted with direct unamortized acquisition costs in the balance sheet.

The Company's universal life, variable universal life, bank-owned life insurance ("BOLI"), and annuity products are subject to SFAS No. 97 and the recognition of the impact of reinsurance costs on the Company's financial statements reflect the requirements of that pronouncement. Ceded premiums and policy fees on SFAS No. 97 products reduce premiums and policy fees recognized by the Company. Ceded claims are treated as an offset to direct benefits and settlement expenses and are recognized when the claim is incurred on a direct basis. Ceded policy reserve changes are also treated as an offset to benefits and settlement expenses and are recognized during the applicable valuation period. Commission and expense allowances paid by the assuming companies are treated as an offset to other operating expenses. Since reinsurance treaties typically provide for allowance percentages that decrease over the lifetime of a policy, allowances in excess of the "ultimate" or final level allowance are capitalized. Amortization of capitalized reinsurance expense allowances are amortized based on future expected gross profits according to SFAS No. 97. Unlike

with SFAS No. 60 products, assumptions for SFAS No. 97 regarding mortality, lapses and interest are continuously reviewed and may be periodically changed. These changes will result in "unlocking" which change the balance in the ceded deferred amortization cost and can affect the amortization of deferred acquisition cost and VOBA. Ceded unearned revenue liabilities are also amortized based on expected gross profits. Assumptions for SFAS No. 97 products are based on the best current estimate of expected mortality, lapses and interest spread. The Company complies with AICPA Statement of Position ("SOP") 03-1, *Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises for Certain Nontraditional Long-Duration Contracts and for Separate Accounts*, which impacts the timing of direct and ceded earnings on certain blocks of the Company's SFAS No. 97 business.

**Reinsurance Allowances** - The amount and timing of reinsurance allowances (both first year and renewal allowances) are contractually determined by the applicable reinsurance contract and may or may not bear a relationship to the amount and incidence of expenses actually paid by the ceding company. Many of the Company's reinsurance treaties do, in fact, have ultimate renewal allowances that exceed the direct ultimate expenses. Additionally, allowances are intended to reimburse the ceding company for some portion of the ceding company's commissions, expenses, and taxes. As a result, first year expenses paid by the Company may be higher than first year allowances paid by the reinsurer, and reinsurance allowances may be higher in later years than renewal expenses paid by the Company.

The Company recognizes allowances according to the prescribed schedules in the reinsurance contracts, which may or may not bear a relationship to actual expenses incurred by the Company. A portion of these allowances is deferred while the non-deferrable allowances are recognized immediately as a reduction of other operating expenses. The Company's practice is to defer reinsurance allowances in excess of the ultimate allowance. This practice is consistent with the Company's practice of capitalizing direct expenses. While the recognition of reinsurance allowances is consistent with U.S. GAAP, in some cases non-deferred reinsurance allowances may exceed non-deferred direct costs, which may cause net other operating expenses to be negative.

Ultimate reinsurance allowances are defined as the lowest allowance percentage paid by the reinsurer in any policy duration over the lifetime of a universal life policy (or through the end of the level term period for a traditional life policy). The Company determines ultimate allowances as the final amount to be paid over the life of a contract after higher acquisition related expenses (whether first year or renewal) are completed. Ultimate reinsurance allowances are determined by the reinsurer and set by the individual contract of each treaty during the initial negotiation of each such contract. Ultimate reinsurance allowances and other treaty provisions are listed within each treaty and will differ between agreements since each reinsurance contract is a separately negotiated agreement. The Company uses the ultimate reinsurance allowances set by the reinsurers and contained within each treaty agreement to complete its accounting responsibilities.

**Amortization of Reinsurance Allowances** - Reinsurance allowances do not affect the methodology used to amortize DAC and VOBA, or the period over which such DAC and VOBA are amortized. Reinsurance allowances offset the direct expenses capitalized, reducing the net amount that is capitalized. The amortization pattern varies with changes in estimated gross profits arising from the allowances. DAC and VOBA on SFAS No. 60 policies are amortized based on the pattern of estimated gross premiums of the policies in force. Reinsurance allowances do not affect the gross premiums, so therefore they do not impact SFAS No. 60 amortization patterns. DAC and VOBA on SFAS No. 97 products are amortized based on the pattern of estimated gross profits of the policies in force. Reinsurance allowances are considered in the determination of estimated gross profits, and therefore do impact SFAS No. 97 amortization patterns.

**Reinsurance Liabilities** - Claim liabilities and policy benefits are calculated consistently for all policies in accordance with U.S. GAAP, regardless of whether or not the policy is reinsured. Once the claim liabilities and policy benefits for the underlying policies are estimated, the amounts recoverable from the reinsurers are estimated based on a number of factors including the terms of the reinsurance contracts, historical payment patterns of reinsurance partners, and the financial strength and credit worthiness of reinsurance partners. Liabilities for unpaid reinsurance claims are produced from claims and reinsurance system records, which contain the relevant terms of the individual reinsurance contracts. The Company monitors claims due from reinsurers to ensure that balances are settled on a timely basis. Incurred but not reported claims are reviewed by the Company's actuarial staff to ensure that appropriate amounts are ceded.

The Company analyzes and monitors the credit worthiness of each of its reinsurance partners to minimize collection issues. For newly executed reinsurance contracts with reinsurance companies that do not meet predetermined standards, the Company requires collateral such as assets held in trusts or letters of credit.

**Components of Reinsurance Cost** - The following income statement lines are affected by reinsurance cost:

Premiums and policy fees ("reinsurance ceded" on the Company's financial statements) represent consideration paid to the assuming company for accepting the ceding company's risks. Ceded premiums and policy fees increase reinsurance cost.

Benefits and settlement expenses include incurred claim amounts ceded and changes in policy reserves. Ceded benefits and settlement expenses decrease reinsurance cost.

Amortization of deferred policy acquisition cost and VOBA reflects the amortization of capitalized reinsurance allowances. Ceded amortization decreases reinsurance cost.

Other expenses include reinsurance allowances paid by assuming companies to the Company less amounts capitalized. Non-deferred reinsurance allowances decrease reinsurance cost.

The Company's reinsurance programs do not materially impact the other income line of the Company's income statement. In addition, net investment income generally has no direct impact on the Company's reinsurance cost. However, it should be noted that by ceding business to the assuming companies, the Company forgoes investment income on the reserves ceded to the assuming companies. Conversely, the assuming companies will receive investment income on the reserves assumed which will increase the assuming companies' profitability on business assumed from the Company.

### **Income Taxes**

The Company uses the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Income tax provisions are generally based on income reported for financial statement purposes. Deferred income taxes arise from the recognition of temporary differences between the basis of assets and liabilities determined for financial reporting purposes and the basis determined for income tax purposes. Such temporary differences are principally related to the marking to market value of investment assets, the deferral of policy acquisition costs, and the provision for future policy benefits and expenses.

### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

**Statement of Position 05-1.** Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted the Accounting Standards Executive Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AcSEC") Statement of Position ("SOP") 05-1, *Accounting by Insurance Enterprises for Deferred Acquisition Costs in Connection With Modifications or Exchanges of Insurance Contracts*. SOP 05-1 provides guidance on accounting by insurance enterprises for deferred acquisition costs on internal replacements of insurance and investment contracts other than those specifically described in SFAS No. 97. SOP 05-1 defines an internal replacement as a modification in product benefits, features, rights, or coverages that occurs by the exchange of a contract for a new contract, or by amendment, endorsement, or rider to a contract, or by the election of a feature or coverage within a contract. Contract modifications that result in a substantially unchanged contract will be accounted for as a continuation of the replaced contract. Contract modifications that result in a substantially changed contract should be accounted for as an extinguishment of the replaced contract, and any unamortized DAC, unearned revenue and deferred sales charges must be written off. The Company recorded no cumulative effect adjustment related to this adoption and does not expect it to have a material impact on its ongoing financial position or results of operations.

**SFAS No. 155 - Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments - an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140.** Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted SFAS No. 155, *Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments – an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140*. SFAS No. 155 (1) permits fair value remeasurement for certain hybrid financial instruments that contains an embedded derivative that otherwise would require bifurcation, (2) clarifies which interest only ("IO") strips and principal only ("PO") strips are not subject

to the requirements of SFAS No. 133, (3) establishes a requirement to evaluate interests in securitized financial assets to identify interests that are freestanding derivatives or that are hybrid financial instruments that contain an embedded derivative requiring bifurcation, (4) clarifies that concentrations of credit risk in the form of subordination are not embedded derivatives, and (5) amends SFAS No. 140, *Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities (as amended)*, to eliminate the prohibition on a qualifying purpose entity from holding a derivative financial instrument that pertains to a beneficial interest other than another derivative financial instrument. The adoption of SFAS No. 155 resulted in a positive cumulative effect adjustment to opening retained earnings of approximately \$2.0 million (\$1.3 million net of taxes), related to the Company's equity indexed annuity product line.

**SFAS No. 156 - Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets - an amendment of FASB Statement No. 140.** In March 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 156, *Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets - an amendment of FASB Statement 140*. SFAS No. 156 amends SFAS No. 140, with respect to the accounting for separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities. SFAS No. 156 requires an entity to recognize a servicing asset or servicing liability each time it undertakes an obligation to service a financial asset by entering into a servicing contract in certain situations. Additionally, SFAS No. 156 permits the choice of the amortization method or the fair value measurement method, with changes in fair value recorded in income, for the subsequent measurement for each class of separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities. The statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after September 15, 2006, and therefore the Company adopted the standard effective January 1, 2007. This standard did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

**FASB Interpretation No. 48.** Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation ("FIN") No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an Interpretation of FASB Statement 109*. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of an income tax position taken or expected to be taken in an income tax return and provides guidance on disclosure. Additionally, this interpretation requires, in order for us to recognize a benefit in our financial statements from a given tax position, that there must be a greater than 50 percent chance of success with the relevant taxing authority with regard to that tax position. In making this analysis, the Company must assume that the taxing authority is fully informed of all of the facts regarding this issue. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, the Company recognized a \$0.6 million decrease in the liability for unrecognized income tax benefits, which was accounted for as an increase to the January 1, 2007 retained earnings balance. For additional information regarding FIN 48 and the effects on the Company's financial statements, see Note 14, *Income Taxes*.

**SFAS No. 157 - Fair Value Measurements.** In September 2006, FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*. This standard defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and for all interim periods within those fiscal years. The standard will be effective for us beginning January 1, 2008. Relative to SFAS No. 157, the FASB proposed FASB Staff Positions (FSP) 157-a, 157-b, and 157-c. FSP 157-a amends SFAS No. 157 to exclude Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, *Accounting for Leases*, and its related interpretive accounting pronouncements that address leasing transactions, while FSP 157-b delays the effective date of SFAS No. 157 for all nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. FSP 157-c clarifies the principles in SFAS No. 157 on the fair value measurement of liabilities. Public comments on FSP 157-a and 157-b were due in January 2008, while public comments on FSP 157-c are due in February 2008. Based upon pronouncements issued to date, SFAS No. 157 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations upon adoption.

**SFAS No. 158 - Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans – an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R).** In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 158, *Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans*, which amends SFAS No. 87, *Employers' Accounting for Pension*, SFAS No. 88, *Employers' Accounting for Settlements and Curtailments of Defined Benefit Pension Plans and for Termination Benefits*, SFAS No. 106, *Employers' Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions*, and SFAS No. 132(R), *Employers' Disclosures About Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits*. SFAS No. 158 requires that the funded status of defined benefit postretirement plans be fully recognized on the statement of financial position, and requires the recognition of changes in the funded status of such plans in the year in which the changes occur through comprehensive income. Additionally, SFAS No. 158

requires an employer to measure the funded status of a plan as of the date of its year-end statement of financial position. SFAS No. 158 is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2006 and therefore PLC and the Company has adopted this standard as of December 31, 2006. This standard was adopted prospectively, and as a result, prior periods were not restated. The adoption of this standard resulted in a net fund asset of \$5.8 million related to PLC's defined benefit pension plan and a net fund liability of \$25.2 million related to its unfunded excess benefits plan as of December 31, 2006.

**SFAS No. 159 - The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities.** In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities – Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115*. This standard permits entities to choose to measure eligible financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. SFAS No. 159 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The standard will be effective for us beginning January 1, 2008. The Company does not expect to elect the fair value option for any financial assets or financial liabilities. As a result, the Company does not believe this standard will have a significant impact on its consolidated results of operations and financial position.

**SFAS No. 141R - Business Combinations.** In December of 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), *Business Combinations*. This standard is a revision to the original standard and continues the movement toward a greater use of fair values in financial reporting. It changes how business acquisitions are accounted for and will impact financial statements at the acquisition date and in subsequent periods. Further, certain of the changes will introduce more volatility into earnings and thus may impact a company's acquisition strategy. SFAS No. 141(R) will also impact the annual goodwill impairment test associated with acquisitions that close both before and after the effective date of this standard. Thus, companies that have goodwill from an acquisition that closed prior to the effective date of the Standard will need to understand the provisions of SFAS No. 141(R) regardless of whether they intend to have future acquisitions. This standard applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008.

**SFAS No. 160 - Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements.** In December of 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements*. This standard applies to all entities that prepare consolidated financial statements, except not-for-profit organizations, but will affect only those entities that have an outstanding noncontrolling interest in one or more subsidiaries or that deconsolidate a subsidiary. This statement is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008 (that is, January 1, 2009, for entities with calendar year-ends). The Company does not expect this standard to have a significant impact on its consolidated results of operations or financial position.

**SFAS No. 161 - Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities.** In March of 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*. This standard requires enhanced disclosures about how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133 and its related interpretations, and how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. This statement is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. The standard will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2009. The Company is assessing the impact, if any, on its consolidated results of operations or financial position.

## **Reclassifications**

Certain reclassifications have been made in the previously reported financial statements and accompanying notes to make the prior year amounts comparable to those of the current year. Such reclassifications had no effect on previously reported net income or shareowners' equity. Included in these reclassifications is a change in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows to remove the effects of policy fees assessed on universal life and investment products from financing activities. While this had no effect on total cash flow, for the year ended December 31, 2005, net cash provided by operating activities was decreased and net cash provided by financing activities was increased by \$421.4 million.

### Chase Insurance Group Acquisition

On July 3, 2006, the Company completed the acquisition contemplated by the Stock Purchase Agreement. Pursuant to that agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co. ("JPMC") and two of its wholly owned subsidiaries (collectively, the "Sellers"), the Company and its subsidiary West Coast Life Insurance Company purchased from the Sellers the Chase Insurance Group, which consisted of five insurance companies that manufacture and administer traditional life insurance and annuity products and four related non-insurance companies (which collectively are referred to as the "Chase Insurance Group") for a net purchase price of \$873.5 million. The Chase Insurance Group historically was headquartered in Elgin, Illinois, and offered primarily level premium term and other traditional life products, as well as fixed and variable annuity products. The Chase Insurance Group's results of operations were included in the Company's consolidated results of operations beginning July 3, 2006.

This transaction was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting prescribed by FASB SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations*. SFAS No. 141 requires that the total purchase price be allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their fair values at the acquisition date. The allocation of the \$873.5 million aggregate purchase price to the specific identifiable tangible and intangible assets and liabilities is as follows:

|  | <u>Fair Value</u><br><u>as of July 3, 2006</u><br><u>(Dollars In Thousands)</u> |
|--|---|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |   |
| Investments                              | \$ 6,784,023  |
| Policy loans                             | 380,608   |
| Cash                                     | 392,493   |
| Accrued investment income                | 88,069  |
| Accounts and premiums receivable, net    | 14,342  |
| Reinsurance receivable                   | 1,093,633   |
| Value of business acquired               | 739,856   |
| Goodwill                                 | 32,007  |
| Other assets                             | 25,214  |
| Intangible assets                        | 3,200   |
| Deferred tax asset                       | 13,290  |
| Assets related to separate accounts      | <u>110,073</u>  |
| Total assets                             | 9,676,808   |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                       |   |
| Policy liabilities and accrual           | 2,704,790   |
| Annuity account balances                 | 5,528,849   |
| Other policyholders' funds               | 273,805   |
| Other liabilities                        | 161,309   |
| Accrued income taxes                     | 24,445  |
| Liabilities related to separate accounts | <u>110,073</u>  |
| Total liabilities                        | 8,803,271   |
| <b>NET ASSETS ACQUIRED</b>               | <u>\$ 873,537</u>   |

The Chase Insurance Group acquisition was funded through the issuance of \$200 million of capital securities (see Note 9, *Debt and Other Obligations*) together with cash. The capital securities will mature and become due and payable, together with any accrued and unpaid interest thereon, on June 30, 2066.

Immediately after the closing of the acquisition, the Company entered into agreements with Commonwealth Annuity and Life Insurance Company (formerly known as Allmerica Financial Life Insurance and Annuity Company) ("CALIC") and Wilton Reassurance Company and Wilton Reinsurance Bermuda Limited (collectively, the "Wilton Re Group"), whereby CALIC reinsured 100% of the variable annuity business of the Chase Insurance Group

and the Wilton Re Group reinsured approximately 42% of the other insurance business of the Chase Insurance Group. The Company received aggregate ceding commissions of approximately \$330.5 million from these transactions.

The \$32.0 million of goodwill was assigned to the Acquisitions Segment. \$114.5 million of goodwill is expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

Certain of the reinsurance agreements with CALIC and the Wilton Re Group are in the form of modified coinsurance ("Modco") agreements. Certain of our investments supporting these agreements, consisting of primarily fixed income securities in designated portfolios, are designated as "trading securities" under U.S. GAAP. Investment results for these portfolios, including gains and losses from sales, are passed directly to the reinsurers through the contractual terms of the reinsurance arrangements. Trading securities are carried at fair value and changes in fair value are included in net income as realized investment gains (losses) as they occur. These amounts are substantially offset by changes in the fair value of embedded derivative liabilities associated with the underlying reinsurance arrangements.

### **Western General Acquisition**

On July 14, 2006, the Company completed the acquisition of the vehicle extended service contract business of Western General effective as of July 1, 2006. Western General, headquartered in Calabasas, California, is a provider of vehicle service contracts nationally, focusing primarily on the west coast market. In addition, Western General currently provides extended service contract administration for several automobile manufacturers and provides used car service contracts for a publicly-traded national dealership group.

This transaction was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting prescribed by SFAS No. 141. Western General's results of operations are included in our consolidated results of operations beginning July 1, 2006. The purchase price for Western General was \$33.0 million, and was subject to contingent consideration based on future performance. During 2007, a \$4.3 million contingent payment was made related to the purchase of Western General, thereby increasing goodwill.

The fair value of Western General's net assets acquired was \$14.2 million. Goodwill of \$18.8 million was originally recorded from the excess of purchase price over the fair value of Western General's net assets. This goodwill was allocated to the Asset Protection segment. The Company paid a premium over the fair value of Western General's net assets for a number of potential strategic and financial benefits that are expected to be realized as a result of the acquisition including, but not limited to, the following:

- Expanded distribution network
- Increased geographic presence
- Broader product portfolio in core product lines
- Additional administration capabilities
- Greater size and scale with improved earnings diversification

SFAS No. 141 requires that the total purchase price be allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their fair values at the acquisition date. The following table summarizes the fair values of the net assets acquired as of the acquisition date:

|  | <u>Fair Value</u><br><u>as of July 1, 2006</u><br><u>(Dollars In Thousands)</u> |
|--|---|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |   |
| Investments  | \$ 18,571   |
| Cash   | 1,873   |
| Accrued investment income                              | 114   |
| Accounts and premiums receivable, net                  | 16,924  |
| Value of business acquired and other intangible assets | 12,650  |
| Goodwill   | 18,813  |
| Property and equipment                                 | 450   |
| Other assets   | 9,990   |
| Income tax receivable                                  | 41  |
| Deferred income taxes                                  | 2,735   |
| Total assets   | <u>82,161</u>   |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                     |   |
| Policy liabilities and accrual                         | 39,596  |
| Other liabilities                                      | 9,607   |
| Total liabilities                                      | <u>49,203</u>   |
| <b>NET ASSETS ACQUIRED</b>                             | <u>\$ 32,958</u>  |

The \$18.8 million of goodwill was assigned to the Asset Protection Segment, and of this amount, approximately \$10.4 million is expected to be deductible for tax purposes. During 2007, the goodwill amount was increased to \$23.1 million as a result of contingent consideration related to the purchase.

#### **Pro forma Condensed Consolidated Results of Operations**

The following (unaudited) pro forma condensed consolidated results of operations assume that the acquisitions of both the Chase Insurance Group and Western General were completed as of January 1, 2006 and 2005:

|            | <u>For The Year Ended</u><br><u>December 31,</u> |              |
|------------|--|--------------|
|            | <u>2006</u>                                      | <u>2005</u>  |
|            | <u>(Dollars In Thousands)</u>                    |              |
| Revenue    | \$ 2,726,155                                     | \$ 2,444,131 |
| Net income | \$ 288,998                                       | \$ 279,087   |

The pro forma information above is presented for informational purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that actually would have been achieved had the acquisition been consummated as of that time, nor is it intended to be a projection of future results.

#### 4. INVESTMENT OPERATIONS

Major categories of net investment income for the years ended December 31 are summarized as follows:

|                        | 2007                   | 2006                | 2005             |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|                        | (Dollars In Thousands) |                     |                  |
| Fixed maturities       | \$ 1,287,794           | \$ 1,071,256        | 887,745          |
| Equity securities      | 1,871                  | 5,585               | 4,009            |
| Mortgage loans         | 308,260                | 268,380             | 257,914          |
| Investment real estate | 3,784                  | 384                 | 2,361            |
| Policy loans           | 51,271                 | 44,940              | 34,741           |
| Other                  | 49,173                 | 59,253              | 23,114           |
|                        | 1,702,153              | 1,449,798           | 1,209,884        |
| Investment expenses    | 88,350                 | 97,366              | 81,964           |
|                        | <u>\$ 1,613,803</u>    | <u>\$ 1,352,432</u> | <u>1,127,920</u> |

Net realized investment gains (losses) for all other investments for the years ended December 31 are summarized as follows:

|  | 2007                   | 2006              | 2005             |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|  | (Dollars In Thousands) |                   |                  |
| Fixed maturities                         | \$ (1,605)             | \$ 16,467         | \$ 36,764        |
| Equity securities                        | 5,900                  | 289               | (636)            |
| Mark to market - Modco trading portfolio | (989)                  | 66,363            | —                |
| Mortgage loans and other investments     | 1,498                  | 18,745            | 1,806            |
|  | <u>\$ 4,804</u>        | <u>\$ 101,864</u> | <u>\$ 37,934</u> |

In 2007, gross gains on investments available for sale (fixed maturities, equity securities, and short-term investments) were \$16.2 million, and gross losses were \$11.9 million. In 2006, gross gains on investments available for sale (fixed maturities, equity securities, and short-term investments) were \$56.6 million, and gross losses were \$34.2 million. In 2005, gross gains were \$76.4 million, and gross losses were \$40.3 million.

The amortized cost and estimated market value of the Company's investments classified as available for sale at December 31 are as follows:

|  | Amortized<br>Cost      | Gross<br>Unrealized<br>Gains | Gross<br>Unrealized<br>Losses | Estimated<br>Market Value |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | (Dollars In Thousands) |                              |                               |                           |
| <b>2007</b>  |                        |                              |                               |                           |
| Fixed maturities:                                  |                        |                              |                               |                           |
| Bonds  |                        |                              |                               |                           |
| Mortgage-backed securities                         | \$ 7,931,761           | \$ 45,625                    | \$ (91,701)                   | \$ 7,885,685              |
| United States Government and authorities           | 113,074                | 1,016                        | (5)                           | 114,085                   |
| States, municipalities, and political subdivisions | 34,302                 | 4,348                        | (8)                           | 38,642                    |
| Public utilities                                   | 1,636,084              | 40,442                       | (45,244)                      | 1,631,282                 |
| Convertibles and bonds with warrants               | 231                    | 39                           | (43)                          | 227                       |
| All other corporate bonds                          | 9,682,598              | 239,693                      | (253,780)                     | 9,668,511                 |
| Redeemable preferred stocks                        | 50                     | —                            | (8)                           | 42                        |
|  | <u>19,398,100</u>      | <u>331,163</u>               | <u>(390,789)</u>              | <u>19,338,474</u>         |
| Equity securities                                  | 54,311                 | 5,172                        | (527)                         | 58,956                    |
| Short-term investments                             | 1,166                  | —                            | —                             | 1,166                     |
|  | <u>\$ 19,453,577</u>   | <u>\$ 336,335</u>            | <u>\$ (391,316)</u>           | <u>\$ 19,398,596</u>      |
| <b>2006</b>  |                        |                              |                               |                           |
| Fixed maturities:                                  |                        |                              |                               |                           |
| Bonds  |                        |                              |                               |                           |
| Mortgage-backed securities                         | \$ 6,548,009           | \$ 37,734                    | \$ (63,547)                   | \$ 6,522,196              |
| United States Government and authorities           | 966,904                | 4,185                        | (4,959)                       | 966,130                   |
| States, municipalities, and political subdivisions | 76,135                 | 1,842                        | (179)                         | 77,798                    |
| Public utilities                                   | 1,575,015              | 44,526                       | (29,119)                      | 1,590,422                 |
| Convertibles and bonds with warrants               | 231                    | 11                           | (41)                          | 201                       |
| All other corporate bonds                          | 8,091,907              | 235,235                      | (97,109)                      | 8,230,033                 |
| Redeemable preferred stocks                        | 50                     | —                            | —                             | 50                        |
|  | <u>17,258,251</u>      | <u>323,533</u>               | <u>(194,954)</u>              | <u>17,386,830</u>         |
| Equity securities                                  | 73,237                 | 7,171                        | (300)                         | 80,108                    |
| Short-term investments                             | 1,063,731              | —                            | —                             | 1,063,731                 |
|  | <u>\$ 18,395,219</u>   | <u>\$ 330,704</u>            | <u>\$ (195,254)</u>           | <u>\$ 18,530,669</u>      |

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company had an additional \$3.6 billion and \$3.5 billion, respectively, of fixed maturities and \$52.0 million and \$302.7 million, respectively, of short-term investments classified as trading securities.

The amortized cost and estimated market value of available for sale fixed maturities at December 31, 2007, by expected maturity, are shown as follows. Expected maturities are derived from rates of prepayment that may differ from actual rates of prepayment.

|  | Estimated<br>Amortized<br>Cost | Estimated<br>Market<br>Value |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | (Dollars In Thousands)         |                              |
| Due in one year or less                | \$ 617,958                     | \$ 618,333                   |
| Due after one year through five years  | 3,991,740                      | 4,064,499                    |
| Due after five years through ten years | 5,371,568                      | 5,298,002                    |
| Due after ten years                    | 9,416,834                      | 9,357,640                    |
|  | <u>\$ 19,398,100</u>           | <u>\$ 19,338,474</u>         |

Each quarter the Company reviews investments with unrealized losses and tests for other-than-temporary impairments. The Company analyzes various factors to determine if any specific other-than-temporary asset impairments exist. These include, but are not limited to: 1) actions taken by rating agencies, 2) default by the issuer, 3) the significance of the decline, 4) our intent and ability to hold the investment until recovery, 5) the time period during which the decline has occurred, 6) an economic analysis of the issuer's industry, and 7) the financial strength, liquidity, and recoverability of the issuer. Management performs a security by security review each quarter in evaluating the need for any other-than-temporary impairments. Although no set formula is used in this process, the investment performance and continued viability of the issuer are significant measures considered. Once a determination has been made that a specific other-than-temporary impairment exists, a realized loss is recognized and the cost basis of the impaired asset is adjusted to its fair value. During 2006 and 2005, the Company recorded other-than-temporary impairments in our investments of \$5.7 million and \$11.8 million, respectively. There were no other-than-temporary impairments recorded during 2007. The following table shows the Company's investments' gross unrealized losses and fair value, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31, 2007:

|                              | Less Than 12 Months    |                     | 12 Months or More   |                     | Total               |                     |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                              | Market Value           | Unrealized Loss     | Market Value        | Unrealized Loss     | Market Value        | Unrealized Loss     |
|                              | (Dollars In Thousands) |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Mortgage-backed securities   | \$ 2,266,805           | \$ (56,344)         | \$ 2,408,705        | \$ (35,358)         | \$ 4,675,510        | \$ (91,702)         |
| US government                | 376                    | (3)                 | 627                 | (2)                 | 1,003               | (5)                 |
| States, municipalities, etc. | 490                    | (1)                 | 520                 | (7)                 | 1,010               | (8)                 |
| Public utilities             | 369,058                | (22,968)            | 422,135             | (22,276)            | 791,193             | (45,244)            |
| Convertibles bonds           | 0                      | 0                   | 45                  | (43)                | 45                  | (43)                |
| Other corporate bonds        | 3,047,155              | (152,790)           | 1,224,886           | (100,989)           | 4,272,041           | (253,779)           |
| Equities                     | 680                    | (156)               | 1,040               | (379)               | 1,720               | (535)               |
|                              | <u>\$ 5,684,564</u>    | <u>\$ (232,262)</u> | <u>\$ 4,057,958</u> | <u>\$ (159,054)</u> | <u>\$ 9,742,522</u> | <u>\$ (391,316)</u> |

For mortgage-backed securities in an unrealized loss position for greater than 12 months, \$8.4 million of the \$35.4 million unrealized loss relates to securities issued in Company-sponsored commercial loan securitizations. These losses relate primarily to market illiquidity as opposed to underlying credit concerns. Factors such as credit enhancements within the deal structures and the underlying collateral performance/characteristics support the recoverability of the investments. The public utilities category has gross unrealized losses greater than 12 months of \$22.3 million, while the other corporate bonds category has gross unrealized losses greater than 12 months of \$101.0 million at December 31, 2007. These losses relate primarily to the widening of credit spreads as treasury rates declined during the year. The aggregate decline in market value of these securities was deemed temporary due to positive factors supporting the recoverability of the respective investments. Positive factors considered included credit ratings, the financial health of the investee, the continued access of the investee to capital markets, and other pertinent information including our ability and intent to hold these securities to recovery. The Company does not consider these unrealized loss positions to be other than temporary, based on the factors discussed and because the Company has the ability and intent to hold these investments until maturity or until the fair values of the investments have recovered.

The following table shows the Company's investments' gross unrealized losses and fair value, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31, 2006:

|                              | Less Than 12 Months    |                    | 12 Months or More   |                     | Total               |                     |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                              | Market Value           | Unrealized Loss    | Market Value        | Unrealized Loss     | Market Value        | Unrealized Loss     |
|                              | (Dollars In Thousands) |                    |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Mortgage-backed securities   | \$ 1,130,211           | \$ (4,065)         | \$ 3,001,516        | \$ (59,484)         | \$ 4,131,727        | \$ (63,549)         |
| US government                | 873,248                | (3,923)            | 41,705              | (1,036)             | 914,953             | (4,959)             |
| States, municipalities, etc. | 1,617                  | (7)                | 1,087               | (8)                 | 2,704               | (15)                |
| Public utilities             | 347,289                | (9,553)            | 349,402             | (19,567)            | 696,691             | (29,120)            |
| Convertibles bonds           | —                      | —                  | 47                  | (41)                | 47                  | (41)                |
| Other corporate bonds        | 1,510,840              | (34,479)           | 1,360,403           | (62,790)            | 2,871,243           | (97,269)            |
| Equities                     | 147                    | (59)               | 3,360               | (242)               | 3,507               | (301)               |
|                              | <u>\$ 3,863,352</u>    | <u>\$ (52,086)</u> | <u>\$ 4,757,520</u> | <u>\$ (143,168)</u> | <u>\$ 8,620,872</u> | <u>\$ (195,254)</u> |

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company had bonds which were rated less than investment grade of \$792.8 million and \$318.9 million, respectively, having an amortized cost of \$859.8 million and \$325.1 million, respectively. Not included in these less than investment grade bonds at December 31, 2007 and 2006, are \$39.0 million and \$21.2 million, respectively, of trading securities. At December 31, 2007, approximately \$26.1 million of the bonds rated less than investment grade were securities issued in Company-sponsored commercial mortgage loan securitizations. Approximately \$268.1 million of the below investment grade bonds are not publicly traded.

The change in unrealized gains (losses), net of income tax, on fixed maturity and equity securities, classified as available for sale, for the years ended December 31 is summarized as follows:

|                   | 2007                   | 2006         | 2005         |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                   | (Dollars In Thousands) |              |              |
| Fixed maturities  | \$ (122,593)           | \$ (112,231) | \$ (257,117) |
| Equity securities | (1,447)                | 554          | 2,032        |

The Company participates in securities lending, primarily as an investment yield enhancement, whereby securities that are held as investments are loaned to third parties for short periods of time. The Company requires collateral of 102% of the market value of the loaned securities to be separately maintained. The loaned securities' market value is monitored, on a daily basis, with additional collateral obtained as necessary. At December 31, 2007, securities with a market value of \$400.0 million were loaned under these agreements. As collateral for the loaned securities, the Company receives short-term investments, which are recorded in "short-term investments" with a corresponding liability recorded in "other liabilities" to account for our obligation to return the collateral. As of December 31, 2007, collateral related to these agreements equaled \$410.1 million.

At December 31, 2007, all of the Company's mortgage loans were commercial loans of which 65% were retail, 14% were office buildings, 10% were apartments, 8% were warehouses, and 3% were other. The Company specializes in making mortgage loans on either credit-oriented or credit-anchored commercial properties. No single tenant's leased space represents more than 2.8% of mortgage loans. Approximately 74% of the mortgage loans are on properties located in the following states listed in decreasing order of significance: Texas, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, Utah, North Carolina, Indiana, Ohio, California, and Virginia. At December 31, 2007, the average mortgage loan was \$2.2 million, and the weighted average interest rate was 6.25%. The largest single mortgage loan was \$21.8 million.

Many of the mortgage loans have call provisions between 3 and 10 years. Assuming the loans are called at their next call dates, approximately \$55.5 million would become due in 2008, \$505.7 million in 2009 through 2012, \$764.0 million in 2013 through 2017, and \$261.5 million thereafter.

For several years the Company has offered a type of commercial mortgage loan under which it will permit a slightly higher loan-to-value ratio in exchange for a participating interest in the cash flows from the underlying real

estate. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, approximately \$627.0 million and \$493.0 million, respectively, of the Company's mortgage loans have this participation feature.

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company's problem mortgage loans (over sixty days past due) and foreclosed properties totaled \$7.5 million and \$15.8 million, respectively. Since our mortgage loans are collateralized by real estate, any assessment of impairment is based upon the estimated fair value of the real estate. At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company had an allowance for mortgage loan credit losses of \$0.5 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. This allowance is calculated through analysis of specific loans that are believed to be at a higher risk of becoming impaired in the near future.

Certain investments, consisting of fixed maturities, equities, and investment real estate, with a carrying value of \$8.1 million were non-income producing for the twelve months ended December 31, 2007.

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company had investments related to retained beneficial interests of mortgage loan securitizations of \$929.1 million and \$173.4 million, respectively. See Note 10, *Commercial Mortgage Securitizations*, for more information on the mortgage loan securitization the Company completed during 2007.

Policy loan interest rates generally range from 3.0% to 12.0%.

## 5. DEFERRED POLICY ACQUISITION COSTS AND VALUE OF BUSINESSES ACQUIRED

### Deferred policy acquisition costs

The balances of and changes in DAC as of December 31, are as follows:

|  | <u>2007</u>            | <u>2006</u>        |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|
|  | (Dollars In Thousands) |                    |
| Balance, beginning of period                             | \$2,033,710            | \$1,767,241        |
| Capitalization of commissions, sales, and issue expenses | 375,825                | 421,818            |
| Amortization   | (206,171)              | (245,887)          |
| Change in unrealized investment gains and losses         | 51,106                 | 90,538             |
| Other  | (3,677)                | —                  |
| Balance, end of period                                   | <u>\$2,250,793</u>     | <u>\$2,033,710</u> |

### Value of businesses acquired

The balances of and changes in VOBA as of December 31, are as follows:

|  | <u>2007</u>            | <u>2006</u>         |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|
|  | (Dollars In Thousands) |                     |
| Balance, beginning of period                     | \$ 1,114,096           | \$ 436,455          |
| Acquisitions                                     | 59,040                 | 751,992             |
| Amortization                                     | (94,181)               | (58,426)            |
| Change in unrealized investment gains and losses | 9,989                  | (16,052)            |
| Other  | 11                     | 127                 |
| Balance, end of period                           | <u>\$ 1,088,955</u>    | <u>\$ 1,114,096</u> |

The expected amortization of VOBA for the next five years is as follows:

| Years | Expected<br>Amortization |        |
|-------|--------------------------|--------|
|       | (Dollars In Thousands)   |        |
| 2008  | \$                       | 90,035 |
| 2009  |                          | 83,344 |
| 2010  |                          | 77,593 |
| 2011  |                          | 74,414 |
| 2012  |                          | 65,402 |

## 6. GOODWILL

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by segment are as follows:

|   | Acquisitions           | Asset<br>Protection | Total<br>Consolidated |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|   | (Dollars In Thousands) |                     |                       |
| Balance as of December 31, 2005                 | \$ —                   | \$ 38,782           | \$ 38,782             |
| Goodwill acquired in current period acquisition | 32,007                 | 18,813              | 50,820                |
| Contingent payment related to prior acquisition | —                      | 236                 | 236                   |
| Sale of subsidiary to parent                    | —                      | (14,308)            | (14,308)              |
| Balance as of December 31, 2006                 | 32,007                 | 43,523              | 75,530                |
| Contingent payment related to prior acquisition | —                      | 4,315               | 4,315                 |
| Purchase price adjustments                      | 16,300                 | —                   | 16,300                |
| Tax benefit of excess tax goodwill              | (3,566)                | —                   | (3,566)               |
| Balance as of December 31, 2007                 | \$ 44,741              | \$ 47,838           | \$ 92,579             |

During 2007, the Company increased its goodwill balance by approximately \$16.3 million and \$4.3 million respectively, related to the acquisitions of the Chase Insurance Group and Western General. The \$3.6 million decrease in the Acquisitions segment relates to tax benefits realized during the year on the portion of tax goodwill in excess of GAAP basis goodwill. The \$32.0 million increase in 2006 in goodwill in the Acquisitions segment is related to the Chase Insurance Group acquisition discussed in Note 3, *Acquisition Activity*. The \$18.8 million increase in 2006 in goodwill in the Asset Protection segment is related to the Western General acquisition discussed in Note 3, *Acquisition Activity*. Goodwill also increased by \$0.2 million in the Asset Protection segment in 2006 due to a contingent payment related to the purchase of a small subsidiary in a prior year.

## 7. CERTAIN NONTRADITIONAL LONG-DURATION CONTRACTS

The Company issues variable universal life and variable annuity products through our separate accounts for which investment income and investment gains and losses accrue directly to, and investment risk is borne by, the contract holder. The Company also offers, for our variable annuity products, various account value guarantees upon death. The most significant of these guarantees involve (a) return of the highest anniversary date account value, or (b) return of the greater of the highest anniversary date account value or the last anniversary date account value compounded at 5% interest. The GMDB reserve is calculated by applying a benefit ratio, equal to the present value of total expected GMDB claims divided by the present value of total expected contract assessments, to cumulative contract assessments. This amount is then adjusted by the amount of cumulative GMDB claims paid and accrued interest. Assumptions used in the calculation of the GMDB reserve were as follows: mean investment performance of 8.5%, mortality at 65% of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners 1994 Variable Annuity GMDB Mortality Table, lapse rates ranging from 2%-20% (depending on product type and duration), and an average discount rate of 6.5%. Changes in the GMDB reserve are included in benefits and settlement expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of income.

The variable annuity separate account balances subject to GMDB were \$2.9 billion at December 31, 2007. The total guaranteed amount payable based on variable annuity account balances at December 31, 2007, was \$134.2 million (including \$112.4 million in the Annuities segment and \$21.8 million in the Acquisitions segment), with a GMDB reserve of \$0.6 million (including \$0.3 million in the Annuities segment and \$0.3 million in the Acquisitions segment). These amounts exclude the variable annuity business of the Chase Insurance Group which has been 100% reinsured to CALIC, under a Modco agreement. The guaranteed amount payable associated with these annuities was \$26.9 million and is included in the Acquisitions segment. The average attained age of contract holders at December 31, 2007 was 60.

Activity relating to GMDB reserves (excluding those 100% reinsured under the Modco agreement) for the years ended December 31 was as follows:

|                               | 2007                   | 2006            | 2005            |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                               | (Dollars In Thousands) |                 |                 |
| Beginning balance             | \$ 2,151               | \$ 2,437        | \$ 5,020        |
| Incurring guarantee benefits  | 27                     | 1,630           | 184             |
| Less: Paid guarantee benefits | 1,580                  | 1,916           | 2,767           |
| Ending balance                | <u>\$ 598</u>          | <u>\$ 2,151</u> | <u>\$ 2,437</u> |

Account balances of variable annuities with guarantees invested in variable annuity separate accounts as of December 31 were as follows:

|                           | 2007                   | 2006                |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|                           | (Dollars In Thousands) |                     |
| Equity mutual funds       | \$ 2,626,663           | \$ 2,508,422        |
| Fixed income mutual funds | 283,838                | 241,707             |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 2,910,501</u>    | <u>\$ 2,750,129</u> |

Certain of our fixed annuities and universal life products have a sales inducement in the form of a retroactive interest credit ("RIC"). In addition, certain variable annuity contracts provide a sales inducement in the form of a bonus interest credit. In accordance with SOP 03-1, the Company maintains a reserve for all interest credits earned to date. The Company defers the expense associated with the RIC and bonus interest credits each period and amortizes these costs in a manner similar to that used for DAC.

Activity in our deferred sales inducement asset for the years ended December 31 was as follows:

|                                     | 2007                   | 2006             | 2005             |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                     | (Dollars In Thousands) |                  |                  |
| Deferred asset, beginning of period | \$ 59,040              | \$ 39,311        | \$ 28,618        |
| Amounts deferred                    | 23,514                 | 30,124           | 17,182           |
| Amortization                        | (14,818)               | (10,395)         | (6,489)          |
| Deferred asset, end of period       | <u>\$ 67,736</u>       | <u>\$ 59,040</u> | <u>\$ 39,311</u> |

## 8. REINSURANCE

The Company reinsures certain of the Company's risks with (cedes), and assumes risks from, other insurers under yearly renewable term, coinsurance, and modified coinsurance agreements. Under yearly renewable term agreements, the Company reinsures only the mortality risk, while under coinsurance, we reinsure a proportionate part of all risks arising under the reinsured policy. Under coinsurance, the reinsurer receives a proportionate part of the premiums less commissions and is liable for a corresponding part of all benefit payments. Modified coinsurance is accounted for similarly to coinsurance except that the liability for future policy benefits is held by the original company, and settlements are made on a net basis between the companies.

Reinsurance ceded arrangements do not discharge us as the primary insurer. Ceded balances would represent a liability of the Company's in the event the reinsurers were unable to meet their obligations to us under the terms of the

reinsurance agreements. The Company continues to monitor the consolidation of reinsurers and the concentration of credit risk the Company has with any reinsurer, as well as the financial condition of our reinsurers. At December 31, 2007, we had reinsured approximately 69.5% of the face value of our life insurance in force. The Company has reinsured approximately 31.8% of the face value of its life insurance in force with the following three reinsurers:

- Swiss Re Life & Health America Inc.
- Security Life of Denver Insurance Co. (currently administered by Scottish Re)
- Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. (currently administered by Swiss Re Life & Health America Inc.)

These reinsurers had a minimum Standard & Poor's rating of AA- and a minimum A. M. Best rating of A+ as of December 31, 2007. The Company has not experienced any credit losses for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, or 2005 related to these reinsurers. The Company set a limit on the amount of insurance retained on the life of any one person. In 2005, the Company increased its retention for certain newly issued traditional life products from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 on any one life. The Company's maximum retention for newly issued universal life products is \$1,000,000.

Reinsurance premiums, commissions, expense reimbursements, benefits and reserves related to reinsured long-duration contracts are accounted for over the life of the underlying reinsured contracts using assumptions consistent with those used to account for the underlying contracts. The cost of reinsurance related to short-duration contracts is accounted for over the reinsurance contract period. Amounts recoverable from reinsurers, for both short-and long-duration reinsurance arrangements, are estimated in a manner consistent with the claim liabilities and policy benefits associated with reinsured policies.

The following table presents the net life insurance in force as of December 31:

|                                      | <u>2007</u>           | <u>2006</u>       | <u>2005</u>      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|                                      | (Dollars In Millions) |                   |                  |
| Direct life insurance in force       | \$ 747,423            | \$ 700,268        | \$ 443,923       |
| Amounts assumed from other companies | 17,759                | 24,226            | 23,210           |
| Amounts ceded to other companies     | <u>(531,985)</u>      | <u>(576,791)</u>  | <u>(393,605)</u> |
| Net life insurance in force          | <u>\$ 233,197</u>     | <u>\$ 147,703</u> | <u>\$ 73,528</u> |
| Percentage of amount assumed to net  | 8%                    | 16%               | 32%              |

The following table reflects the effect of reinsurance on life insurance premiums written and earned for the years ended December 31:

|                                     | <u>2007</u>           | <u>2006</u>    | <u>2005</u>    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                     | (Dollars In Millions) |                |                |
| Direct premiums                     | \$ 2,168              | \$ 1,739       | \$ 1,294       |
| Reinsurance assumed                 | 186                   | 192            | 287            |
| Reinsurance ceded                   | <u>(1,483)</u>        | <u>(1,211)</u> | <u>(1,047)</u> |
| Net premiums                        | <u>\$ 871</u>         | <u>\$ 720</u>  | <u>\$ 534</u>  |
| Percentage of amount assumed to net | 21%                   | 27%            | 54%            |

The Company has also reinsured accident and health risks representing \$31.0 million, \$41.4 million, and \$43.9 million of premium income, while the Company has assumed accident and health risks representing \$1.5 million, \$4.4 million, and \$4.1 million of premium income for 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively. In addition, the Company reinsured property and casualty risks representing \$71.4 million, \$110.5 million, and \$118.3 million of premium income, while the Company assumed property and casualty risks representing \$14.2 million, \$22.2 million, and \$13.4 million of premium income for 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively.

In 2007 and 2006, policy and claim reserves relating to insurance ceded of \$5.1 billion and \$4.6 billion, respectively, are included in reinsurance receivables. Should any of the reinsurers be unable to meet its obligation at

the time of the claim, the Company would be obligated to pay such claims. At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company had paid \$101.0 million and \$51.7 million, respectively, of ceded benefits which are recoverable from reinsurers. In addition, at December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company had receivables of \$64.7 million and \$65.7 million, respectively, related to insurance assumed.

During 2006, the Company recorded \$27.1 million of bad debt charges related to our Lender's Indemnity product line. These bad debt charges followed the bankruptcy filing related to CENTRIX Financial LLC ("CENTRIX"), the originator and servicer of the business, and are the result of the Company's assessment, based in part on facts discovered by an audit after the bankruptcy filing, of the inability of CENTRIX and an affiliated reinsurer to meet their obligations under the program. The product guarantees to the lender, primarily credit unions, the difference between a value calculated based on the estimated or actual market value of a vehicle and the outstanding balance of a loan in the event the vehicle is repossessed or sold because the loan is in default. The Company ceased offering the Lender's Indemnity product in 2003. In the short term, CENTRIX is expected to continue to operate as debtor in possession and service the outstanding loans. The Company has increased reserves for the remaining business based on the expectation that the frequency and severity of losses will be greater than previously assumed. These assumptions will be analyzed and updated as the business continues to run off.

The Company's third-party reinsurance receivables amounted to \$5.1 billion and \$4.6 billion at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. These amounts include ceded reserve balances and ceded benefit payments. The ceded benefit payments are recoverable from reinsurers. The following table sets forth the amount attributable to significant reinsurance:

|                                       | As of December 31,        |                     |                           |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
|                                       | 2007                      |                     | 2006                      |                     |
|                                       | Reinsurance<br>Receivable | A.M. Best<br>Rating | Reinsurance<br>Receivable | A.M. Best<br>Rating |
|                                       | (Dollars In Millions)     |                     |                           |                     |
| Swiss Re Life & Health America, Inc.  | \$ 532.9A+                |                     | \$ 517.9A+                |                     |
| Security Life of Denver Insurance Co. | 457.9A+                   |                     | 387.0A+                   |                     |
| Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.   | 430.2A+                   |                     | 358.3A+                   |                     |
| Transamerica Life Insurance Co.       | 389.6A+                   |                     | 377.6A+                   |                     |
| Employers Reassurance Corp.           | 367.7A-                   |                     | 440.9A-                   |                     |
| American United Life                  | 293.6A                    |                     | 304.6A                    |                     |
| Scottish Re (U.S.), Inc.              | 265.8B                    |                     | 259.0B+                   |                     |
| RGA Reinsurance Co.                   | 205.6A+                   |                     | 219.7A+                   |                     |
| Canada Life Assurance Company         | 191.8A+                   |                     | 185.2A+                   |                     |
| XL Life Ltd.                          | 172.9A                    |                     | 166.8A+                   |                     |

The Company's reinsurance contracts typically do not have a fixed term. In general, the reinsurers' ability to terminate coverage for existing cessions is limited to such circumstance as material breach of contract or non-payment of premiums by the ceding company. The reinsurance contracts generally contain provisions intended to provide the ceding company with the ability to cede future business on a basis consistent with historical terms. However, either party may terminate any of the contracts with respect to future business upon appropriate notice to the other party.

Generally, the reinsurance contracts do not limit the overall amount of the loss that can be incurred by the reinsurer. The amount of liabilities ceded under contracts that provide for the payment of experience refunds is immaterial.

Most of the Company's ceded reserves are under contracts covering closed blocks of business reinsured on a coinsurance basis. Typically 10-20% of the liabilities are retained with the balance reinsured to a pool consisting of several reinsurers.

## 9. DEBT AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

### Non-Recourse Funding Obligations

#### *Golden Gate Captive Insurance Company*

- Golden Gate Captive Insurance Company ("Golden Gate"), a special purpose financial captive insurance company wholly owned by the Company, has non-recourse funding obligations which were issued under a surplus notes facility established with certain purchasers through which Golden Gate had the option to issue up to an aggregate of \$600 million of non-recourse funding obligations through June 2007. On December 20, 2007, Golden Gate increased by \$200 million the capacity under the surplus notes facility to an aggregate of \$800 million of non-recourse funding. The non-recourse funding obligations are direct financial obligations of Golden Gate and are not guaranteed by the Company or PLC. The non-recourse obligations are represented by surplus notes that were issued to fund statutory reserves required by the Valuation of Life Insurance Policies Regulation ("Regulation XXX"). Any payment of principal, including by redemption, or interest on the Notes may only be made with the prior approval of the Director of Insurance of the State of South Carolina in accordance with the terms of its licensing order and in accordance with applicable law. Under the terms of the notes, the holders of the notes cannot require repayment from PLC, the Company, or any of the Company's other subsidiaries, other than Golden Gate, the direct issuer of the notes, although we have agreed to indemnify Golden Gate for certain costs and obligations (which obligations do not include payment of principal and interest on the notes). In addition, PLC has entered into certain support agreements with Golden Gate obligating PLC to make capital contributions to Golden Gate or provide support related to certain of Golden Gate's expenses and in certain circumstances, to collateralize certain of PLC's obligations to Golden Gate.
- Golden Gate Captive Insurance Company pays monthly interest on its non-recourse funding obligations issued to finance XXX excess reserve requirements. The interest rate payable is equal to one month LIBOR plus a defined spread. The maximum rate Golden Gate could be required to pay under these obligations is LIBOR plus 425 basis points.

#### *Golden Gate II Captive Insurance Company*

- During July 2007, Golden Gate II Captive Insurance Company ("Golden Gate II"), a special purpose financial captive insurance company wholly owned by the Company, issued \$575 million in aggregate principal amount of floating rate surplus notes due July 15, 2052 (the "Notes"). Golden Gate II has received contingent regulatory approval to issue additional series of its floating rate surplus notes up to an aggregate of \$675 million principal amount of surplus notes (including the Notes). The Notes are direct financial obligations of Golden Gate II and were issued to fund statutory reserves required by Regulation XXX, as clarified by Actuarial Guideline 38 (commonly known as "AXXX").
- Golden Gate II has reinsured from the Company certain universal life insurance policies with secondary guarantees on a combination coinsurance and modified coinsurance basis. The Notes were sold for deposit into certain Delaware trusts (the "Trusts") that issued money market securities and term securities that reset relating to money market securities after a specified period (the "Securities"). The holders of Notes cannot require repayment from the Company, PLC or any of their affiliates, other than Golden Gate II, the direct issuer of the Notes. PLC has agreed, under certain circumstances, to make certain liquidity advances to the Trusts not in excess of specified amounts of assets held in a reinsurance trust of which the Company is the beneficiary and Golden Gate II is the grantor in the event that the Trusts do not have sufficient funds available to fully redeem the Securities at the stated maturity date. PLC obligation to make any such liquidity advance is subject to it having a first priority security interest in the residual interest in such reinsurance trust and in the Notes.
- Golden Gate II will pay interest on the principal amount of the Notes on a monthly basis, subject to regulatory approval. Any payment principal of, including by redemption, or interest on the Notes may only be made with the prior approval of the Director of Insurance of the State of South Carolina in accordance with the terms of Golden Gate II's licensing order and in accordance with applicable law. The

holders of the Notes have no rights to accelerate payment of principal on the Notes under any circumstances, including without limitation, for nonpayment or breach of any covenant. Golden Gate II reserves the right to repay the Notes at any time, subject to the terms of the Notes and prior regulatory approval.

- The Company has experienced higher borrowing costs associated with certain of the non-recourse funding obligations supporting the business reinsured to Golden Gate II. These higher costs are the result of higher interest costs associated with the illiquidity of the current market for auction rate securities, as well as a negative watch placed on our guarantor by certain rating agencies. The maximum rate we could be required to pay under these obligations is LIBOR plus 200 basis points.

Including the Golden Gate II notes mentioned above, we (including wholly owned and consolidated subsidiaries) have issued a total of approximately \$1.4 billion of non-recourse funding obligations as of December 31, 2007. The following table shows the non-recourse funding obligations outstanding as of December 31, 2007, listed by issuer:

| Issuer                                   | Balance                | Maturity Year | Year to Date<br>Weighted-Avg<br>Interest Rate |
|--|------------------------|---------------|---|
|  | (Dollars In Thousands) |               |   |
| Golden Gate Captive Insurance Company    | \$ 800,000             | 2037          | 6.66%   |
| Golden Gate II Captive Insurance Company | 575,000                | 2052          | 5.87%   |
| Total                                    | <u>\$ 1,375,000</u>    |               |   |

### Other Obligations

The Company routinely receives from or pays to affiliates under the control of PLC reimbursements for expenses incurred on one another's behalf. Receivables and payables among affiliates are generally settled monthly.

### Interest Expense

Interest expense on other obligations, non-recourse funding obligations, and other temporary borrowings totaled \$64.1 million, \$20.3 million, and \$10.6 million in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively. The increase in interest on other obligations was primarily due to the July 2007 Golden Gate II issuance of \$575 million of surplus notes and the additional Golden Gate 2007 issuance of \$375 million of surplus notes.

## 10. COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE SECURITIZATIONS

### *2007 Commercial Mortgage Securitization*

On December 19, 2007, subsidiaries of the Company entered into agreements providing for the securitization of \$1.0 billion of commercial and multifamily real estate mortgage loans. The loans were previously originated by the Company, and were sold to a subsidiary, Protective Finance Corporation ("PFC"), on December 1, 2007. PFC transferred the mortgage loans to a trust fund in exchange for twenty-six classes of pass-through certificates representing, in the aggregate, the entire beneficial interest of the trust fund. The certificates are direct financial obligations of the trust fund and are not guaranteed by the Company, PLC, PFC or their affiliates.

Pursuant to a Certificate Purchase Agreement dated December 7, 2007 among PFC, the Company and a third party initial purchaser, PFC, sold one class of certificates with a certificate balance of \$218.3 million to the initial purchaser, and the initial purchaser resold such certificates in one or more private offerings. The remaining classes of certificates, reflecting a par value of \$797.7 million, were transferred from PFC to the Company in exchange for the mortgage loans. The Company recorded a \$6.8 million loss on the tranche that was sold to an external party. As of December 31, 2007, the Company's retained securities had a fair value of \$775.2 million.

Following the mortgage securitization transaction, the Company retained responsibility for servicing the mortgage loans, and, as such, is entitled to receive an ongoing fee. There were no servicing assets or liabilities recorded as the benefits of servicing the assets were adequate to compensate for the servicing responsibilities.

The Company retained an interest in the securitized mortgage loans. These retained interests were initially recognized using their respective allocated cost basis (based on their relative fair value) on the date of transfer. Any gain or loss depends in part on the previous carrying amount of the financial assets involved in the transfer, allocated between the assets sold and the retained interest based on their relative fair value at the date of transfer.

Retained interests are recorded at fair value and included in securities available for sale. Subsequent adjustments to fair value are recorded through other comprehensive income. Quoted market prices for these assets are generally not available, so the Company estimates fair value based on the present value of expected future cash flows using management's best estimates of the key assumptions: (i) discount rates commensurate with the inherent risks of the asset, (ii) prepayment speeds, and (iii) anticipated credit losses. The retained interest in the securitized mortgage loans may be subject to prepayment and interest rate risks. On a quarterly basis, the Company updates these values. Management will periodically review the historical performance of the mortgage loans and the assumptions used to project future cash flows. Assumptions will be revised if this analysis of past performance and future expectations dictates. The present value of cash flows will then be recalculated based on the revised assumptions.

Key assumptions used in measuring the fair value of retained interests at the date of securitization were as follows:

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Discount Rate         | 5.4% to 30.0%     |
| Weighted-average life | 3.0 to 25.7 years |

As of December 31, 2007, the total principal amount outstanding of mortgage loans under securitization and held by the trust was approximately \$1.0 billion. There were no delinquencies as of December 31, 2007. In addition, there were no credit losses for the year ended December 31, 2007.

#### ***Prior Commercial Mortgage Securitizations***

Between 1996 and 1999, the Company securitized \$1.4 billion of its mortgage loans. The Company sold the senior tranches while retaining the subordinate tranches. The Company continues to service the securitized mortgage loans. The market value of the retained securities from these previous securitizations equaled approximately \$151.9 million as of December 31, 2007.

#### **11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Company leases administrative and marketing office space in approximately 20 cities including Birmingham, with most leases being for periods of three to ten years. The aggregate annualized rent is approximately \$6.7 million. The following is a schedule by year of future minimum rental payments required under these leases:

| Years      | Amount                 |
|------------|------------------------|
|            | (Dollars In Thousands) |
| 2008       | \$ 6,675               |
| 2009       | 5,946                  |
| 2010       | 5,456                  |
| 2011       | 4,461                  |
| 2012       | 2,952                  |
| Thereafter | 7,112                  |

Additionally, the Company leases a building contiguous to its home office. The lease extends to January 2014. At the end of the lease term, the Company may purchase the building for approximately \$75 million. The following is a schedule by year of future minimum rental payments required under this lease:

| Years      | Amount                 |
|------------|------------------------|
|            | (Dollars In Thousands) |
| 2008       | \$ 4,028               |
| 2009       | 4,039                  |
| 2010       | 4,006                  |
| 2011       | 4,006                  |
| 2012       | 4,028                  |
| Thereafter | 79,017                 |

Under insurance guaranty fund laws, in most states insurance companies doing business therein can be assessed up to prescribed limits for policyholder losses incurred by insolvent companies. The Company does not believe such assessments will be materially different from amounts already provided for in the financial statements. Most of these laws do provide, however, that an assessment may be excused or deferred if it would threaten an insurer's own financial strength.

A number of civil jury verdicts have been returned against insurers, broker dealers, and other providers of financial services involving sales refund or claims practices, alleged agent misconduct, failure to properly supervise representatives, relationships with agents or persons with whom the insurer does business, and other matters. Often these lawsuits have resulted in the award of substantial judgments that are disproportionate to the actual damages, including material amounts of punitive and non-economic compensatory damages. In some states, juries, judges, and arbitrators have substantial discretion in awarding punitive non-economic compensatory damages which creates the potential for unpredictable material adverse judgments or awards in any given lawsuit or arbitration. Arbitration awards are subject to very limited appellate review. In addition, in some class action and other lawsuits, companies have made material settlement payments. The Company, like other financial service companies, in the ordinary course of business, is involved in such litigation and arbitration. Although we cannot predict the outcome of any such litigation or arbitration, the Company does not believe that any such outcome will have a material impact on the financial condition or results of the operations of the Company.

As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company had outstanding mortgage loan commitments of \$861.7 million at an average rate of 6.31%, and \$995.6 million, at an average rate of 6.26%.

## 12. SHAREOWNERS' EQUITY AND STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

PLC owns all of the 2,000 shares of preferred stock issued by the Company's subsidiary, Protective Life and Annuity Insurance Company ("PL&A"). The stock pays, when and if declared, noncumulative participating dividends to the extent PL&A's statutory earnings for the immediately preceding fiscal year exceeded \$1.0 million. In 2007, 2006, and 2005, PL&A paid no dividends to PLC on its preferred stock.

PLC has an Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP"). On December 1, 1990, the Company transferred to the ESOP 520,000 shares of PLC's common stock held by it in exchange for a note. The outstanding balance of the note, \$0.9 million at December 31, 2007, is accounted for as a reduction to shareowners' equity. The stock is used to match employee contributions to PLC's 401(k) and Stock Ownership Plan ("401(k) Plan") and to provide other employee benefits. The ESOP shares are dividend paying, and dividends are used to pay the ESOP's note to the Company.

Since 1973, PLC has had stock-based incentive plans to motivate management to focus on PLC's long-range performance through the awarding of stock-based compensation. Under plans approved by share owners in 1997 and 2003, up to 6,500,000 PLC shares may be issued in payment of awards. Certain Company employees participate in PLC's stock-based incentive plans and receive stock appreciation rights ("SARs") from PLC.

The criteria for payment of performance awards is based primarily upon a comparison of PLC's average return on average equity (for 2006 and 2007 awards) or average return on average equity and total rate of return over a

four-year period for previous awards (earlier upon the death, disability, or retirement of the executive, or in certain circumstances, upon a change in control of PLC) to that of a comparison group of publicly held life and multi-line insurance companies. If PLC's results are below the median of the comparison group (40<sup>th</sup> percentile for 2006 and 2007 awards), no portion of the award is earned. If PLC's results are at or above the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile, the award maximum is earned. Awards are paid in shares of PLC Common Stock.

Performance shares awarded in 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, and 2003, and the estimated fair value of the awards at grant date are as follows:

| Year Awarded | Performance Shares | Estimated Fair Value |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 2007         | 66,100             | \$ 2,900             |
| 2006         | 136,030            | 6,500                |
| 2005         | 120,540            | 4,600                |
| 2004         | 125,670            | 4,600                |
| 2003         | 148,730            | 3,900                |

Performance shares are equivalent in value to one share of PLC Common Stock times the award earned percentage payout. In the past, PLC has also issued performance-based stock appreciation rights ("P-SARs"). P-SARs convert to the equivalent of one stock appreciation right ("SARs") if earned times the award percentage payout. The P-SARs, once converted to SARs, expire 10 years after the grant date. At December 31, 2007, the total outstanding performance shares related to these performance-based plans measured at maximum payouts were 597,989 shares.

Between 1996 and 2007, SARs were granted (in addition to the P-SARs discussed above) to certain officers of PLC to provide long-term incentive compensation based solely on the performance of PLC's Common Stock. The SARs are exercisable either in four equal annual installments beginning one year after the date of grant or after five years depending on the terms of the grant (earlier upon the death, disability, or retirement of the officer, or in certain circumstances, of a change in control of PLC) and expire after ten years or upon termination of employment. The SARs activity as well as weighted average base price for 2005, 2006, and 2007 is as follows:

|                              | Weighted-Average Base Price | No. of SARs |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2004 | \$ 25.01                    | 1,567,943   |
| SARs granted                 | 41.05                       | 119,400     |
| SARs exercised / forfeited   | 21.19                       | (220,133)   |
| Balance at December 31, 2005 | 26.89                       | 1,467,210   |
| SARs granted                 | 47.36                       | 81,970      |
| SARs exercised / forfeited   | 23.99                       | (393,234)   |
| Balance at December 31, 2006 | 29.33                       | 1,155,946   |
| SARs granted                 | 43.50                       | 224,400     |
| SARs exercised / forfeited   | 28.43                       | (117,642)   |
| Balance at December 31, 2007 | \$ 31.98                    | 1,262,704   |

The outstanding SARs at December 31, 2007, were at the following base prices:

| Base Price | SARs Outstanding | Remaining Life in Years | Currently Exercisable |
|------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| \$ 22.31   | 432,359          | 3                       | 432,359               |
| 32.00      | 375,000          | 5                       | 375,000               |
| 26.49      | 65,000           | 6                       | 0                     |
| 41.05      | 111,700          | 8                       | 18,350                |
| 48.60      | 38,400           | 9                       | 9,600                 |
| 45.70      | 35,070           | 9                       | 35,070                |
| 43.46      | 199,677          | 10                      | 0                     |
| 48.05      | 3,000            | 10                      | 0                     |
| 41.12      | 2,500            | 10                      | 0                     |

The SARs issued in 2006 and 2007 had estimated fair values at grant date of \$1.0 million and \$2.5 million, respectively. These fair values were estimated using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. The assumptions used in this pricing model varied depending on the vesting period of awards. Assumptions used in the model for the 2006 SARs were as follows: expected volatility ranged from 15.5% to 32.5%, a risk-free interest rate ranging from 4.6% to 5.0%, a dividend rate of 1.7%, a zero forfeiture rate, and the expected exercise date ranged from 2011 to 2014. Assumptions used in the model for the 2007 SARs were as follows: expected volatility ranged from 16.2% to 31.0%, a risk-free interest rate ranging from 4.2% to 4.6%, a dividend rate of 2.0%, a zero forfeiture rate and the expected exercise date ranged from 2012 to 2015. PLC will pay an amount in stock equal to the difference between the specified base price of PLC's Common Stock and the market value at the exercise date for each SAR.

Additionally during 2007, PLC issued 30,250 restricted stock units at a fair value of \$43.46 per unit. These awards, with a total fair value of \$1.3 million, vest over a three year period.

PLC recognizes all stock based compensation expense over the related service period of the award, or earlier for retirement eligible employees. The expense recorded by PLC for its stock-based compensation plans was \$5.8 million, \$0.5 million, and \$6.1 million in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively. PLC's obligations of its stock-based compensation plans that are expected to be settled in shares of PLC's Common Stock are reported as a component of PLC's shareowners' equity, net of deferred taxes.

At December 31, 2007, approximately \$2.0 billion of consolidated shareowners' equity, excluding net unrealized gains and losses on investments, represented net assets of the Company and its subsidiaries that cannot be transferred to PLC in the form of dividends, loans, or advances. In addition, the Company and its subsidiaries are subject to various state statutory and regulatory restrictions on their ability to pay dividends to PLC. In general, dividends up to specified levels are considered ordinary and may be paid thirty days after written notice to the insurance commissioner of the state of domicile unless such commissioner objects to the dividend prior to the expiration of such period. Dividends in larger amounts are considered extraordinary and are subject to affirmative prior approval by such commissioner. The maximum amount that would qualify as ordinary dividends to PLC by the Company for 2007 is estimated to be \$350.5 million.

### 13. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

#### Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Unfunded Excess Benefits Plan

- PLC sponsors a defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all of our employees. The plan is not separable by affiliates participating in the plan. Benefits are based on years of service and the employee's highest thirty-six consecutive months of compensation. PLC's funding policy is to contribute amounts to the plan sufficient to meet the minimum funding requirements of ERISA plus such additional amounts as PLC may determine to be appropriate from time to time. Contributions are intended to provide not only for benefits attributed to service to date but also for those expected to be earned in the future. PLC has not yet determined what amount, if any, it will fund in 2008.

- PLC also sponsors an unfunded excess benefits plan, which is a nonqualified plan that provides defined pension benefits in excess of limits imposed on qualified plans by federal tax law. PLC estimates that it will contribute \$2.3 million to this plan in 2008.

As discussed in Note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*, in September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 158, which requires that the funded status of defined benefit postretirement plans be fully recognized on the statement of financial position, and requires the recognition of changes in the funded status of such plans in the year in which the changes occur through comprehensive income. PLC adopted SFAS No. 158 prospectively as of December 31, 2006, and as a result, prior periods were not restated. The adoption of this standard resulted in a net fund asset of \$5.8 million related to PLC's defined benefit pension plan and a net fund liability of \$25.2 million related to PLC's unfunded excess benefits plan as of December 31, 2006. The incremental effect of applying SFAS No. 158 effective December 31, 2006, on the individual line items in PLC's Consolidated Balance Sheet is as follows:

|   | <u>Before Application<br/>of SFAS No. 158</u> | <u>Adjustments</u><br>(Dollars In Thousands) | <u>After Application<br/>of SFAS No. 158</u> |
|---|---|--|--|
| Other assets  | \$ 195,344                                    | \$ (29,688)                                  | \$ 165,656                                   |
| Total assets  | 39,824,982                                    | (29,688)                                     | 39,795,294                                   |
| Other liabilities   | 1,321,449                                     | 1,926  | 1,323,375                                    |
| Deferred income taxes   | 385,551                                       | (11,065)                                     | 374,486                                      |
| Total liabilities   | 37,491,358                                    | (9,139)                                      | 37,482,219                                   |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income:                         |   |  |  |
| Minimum pension liability adjustments, net of income tax        | (2,471)                                       | (20,549)                                     | (23,020)                                     |
| Total accumulated other comprehensive income, net of income tax | 32,980  | (20,549)                                     | 12,431                                       |
| Total shareowners' equity                                       | 2,333,624                                     | (20,549)                                     | 2,313,075                                    |

Effective January 1, 2008, PLC made the following changes to its Defined Benefit Pension Plan. These changes have been reflected in the computations within this note.

- Employees hired after December 31, 2007, will receive benefits under a cash balance plan.
- Employees active on December 31, 2007 with age plus vesting service less than 55 years will receive a final pay-based pension benefit for service through December 31, 2007, plus a cash balance benefit for service after December 31, 2007.
- Employees active on December 31, 2007 with age plus vesting service equaling or exceeding 55 years, will receive a final pay-based pension benefit for service both before and after December 31, 2007, with a modest reduction in the formula for benefits earned after December 31, 2007.
- All participants terminating employment on or after December of 2007 may elect to receive a lump sum benefit.

PLC uses a December 31 measurement date for all its plans. The following table presents the benefit obligation, fair value of plan assets, and the funded status of the PLC's defined benefit pension plan and unfunded excess benefits plan at December 31. This table also includes the amounts not yet recognized as components of net periodic pension costs as of December 31.

|  | Defined Benefit Pension Plan |                  | Unfunded Excess Benefits Plan |                    |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
|  | 2007                         | 2006             | 2007                          | 2006               |
|  | (Dollars In Thousands)       |                  |                               |                    |
| <b>Change in projected benefit obligation:</b>                       |                              |                  |                               |                    |
| Benefit obligation at beginning of year                              | \$ 119,414                   | \$ 111,295       | \$ 25,220                     | \$ 23,810          |
| Service cost   | 7,668                        | 7,774            | 765                           | 771                |
| Interest cost  | 7,592                        | 6,731            | 1,602                         | 1,424              |
| Amendments   | (5,126)                      | —                | 95                            | —                  |
| Actuarial (gain) or loss   | 2,047                        | (4,059)          | 1,955                         | 489                |
| Special termination benefits   | —                            | —                | 70                            | —                  |
| Benefits paid  | (2,810)                      | (2,327)          | (1,238)                       | (1,274)            |
| Benefit obligation at end of year                                    | <u>128,785</u>               | <u>119,414</u>   | <u>28,469</u>                 | <u>25,220</u>      |
| <b>Change in plan assets:</b>  |                              |                  |                               |                    |
| Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year                       | 125,178                      | 113,721          | —                             | —                  |
| Actual return on plan assets   | 6,453                        | 13,784           | —                             | —                  |
| Employer contributions   | —                            | —                | 1,238                         | 1,274              |
| Benefits paid  | (2,810)                      | (2,327)          | (1,238)                       | (1,274)            |
| Fair value of plan assets at end of year                             | <u>128,821</u>               | <u>125,178</u>   | <u>—</u>                      | <u>—</u>           |
| <b>Reconciliation of Funded Status - Before SFAS 158:</b>            |                              |                  |                               |                    |
| Funded status  |                              | 5,764            | —                             | (25,220)           |
| Unrecognized net actuarial loss                                      |                              | 28,640           | —                             | 6,424              |
| Unrecognized prior service cost                                      |                              | 1,048            | —                             | —                  |
| Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost                                       |                              | 35,452           | —                             | (18,796)           |
| <b>Amounts Recognized in the Balance Sheet:</b>                      |                              |                  |                               |                    |
| Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost                                       |                              | 35,452           | —                             | (22,771)           |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income                               |                              | —                | —                             | 3,975              |
| Net amount recognized  |                              | <u>35,452</u>    | <u>—</u>                      | <u>(18,796)</u>    |
| Increase in minimum liability included in other comprehensive income |                              | —                | —                             | 522                |
| Accumulated benefit obligation                                       |                              | 101,097          | —                             | 22,771             |
| Fair value of assets   |                              | 125,178          | —                             | —                  |
| Unfunded accumulated benefit obligation                              |                              | <u>\$ —</u>      | <u>\$ —</u>                   | <u>\$ (22,771)</u> |
| <b>After Reflecting SFAS 158:</b>                                    |                              |                  |                               |                    |
| Funded status  | <u>36</u>                    | <u>5,764</u>     | <u>—</u>                      | <u>(25,220)</u>    |
| <b>Amounts Recognized in the Balance Sheet:</b>                      |                              |                  |                               |                    |
| Other assets   | <u>36</u>                    | <u>5,764</u>     | <u>—</u>                      | <u>—</u>           |
| Other liabilities  | <u>—</u>                     | <u>—</u>         | <u>—</u>                      | <u>(25,220)</u>    |
| <b>Amounts Recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income:</b> |                              |                  |                               |                    |
| Net actuarial loss   | 31,730                       | 28,640           | 7,764                         | 6,424              |
| Prior service cost   | (4,209)                      | 1,048            | 95                            | —                  |
| Net transition asset   | <u>\$ 27,521</u>             | <u>\$ 29,688</u> | <u>\$ 7,859</u>               | <u>\$ 6,424</u>    |

Weighted-average assumptions used to determine the benefit obligations as of December 31 were as follows:

|                               | Defined Benefit Pension Plan |       | Unfunded Excess Benefits Plan |       |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
|                               | 2007                         | 2006  | 2007                          | 2006  |
| Discount rate                 | 6.16%                        | 5.90% | 6.16%                         | 5.90% |
| Rate of compensation increase | 3.75                         | 3.75  | 4.75                          | 4.75  |

The assumed discount rates used to determine the benefit obligations were based on an analysis of future benefits expected to be paid under the plans. The assumed discount rate reflects the interest rate at which an amount that is invested in a portfolio of high-quality debt instruments on the measurement date would provide the future cash flows necessary to pay benefits when they come due.

Weighted-average assumptions used to determine the net periodic benefit cost for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

|  | Defined Benefit Pension Plan |       |       | Unfunded Excess Benefits Plan |       |       |
|--|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
|  | 2007                         | 2006  | 2005  | 2007                          | 2006  | 2005  |
| Discount rate                            | 5.90%                        | 5.63% | 5.75% | 5.90%                         | 5.63% | 5.75% |
| Rates of compensation increase           | 3.75                         | 3.75  | 3.75  | 4.75                          | 4.75  | 4.75  |
| Expected long-term return on plan assets | 8.25                         | 8.25  | 8.25  | N/A                           | N/A   | N/A   |

Components of the net periodic benefit cost for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

|  | Defined Benefit Pension Plan |          |          | Unfunded Excess Benefits Plan |          |          |
|--|------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
|  | 2007                         | 2006     | 2005     | 2007                          | 2006     | 2005     |
|  | (Dollars In Thousands)       |          |          |                               |          |          |
| Service cost – Benefits earned during the period | \$ 7,668                     | \$ 7,774 | \$ 5,950 | \$ 765                        | \$ 771   | \$ 629   |
| Interest cost on projected benefit obligation    | 7,592                        | 6,731    | 5,922    | 1,602                         | 1,424    | 1,276    |
| Expected return on plan assets                   | (9,923)                      | (9,647)  | (8,371)  | —                             | —        | —        |
| Amortization of prior service cost               | 193                          | 196      | 214      | —                             | —        | 14       |
| Amortization of actuarial losses                 | 2,366                        | 2,992    | 2,647    | 616                           | 544      | 372      |
| Preliminary net periodic benefit cost            | 7,896                        | 8,046    | 6,362    | 2,983                         | 2,739    | 2,291    |
| Special termination benefits under FAS 88        | —                            | —        | —        | 70                            | —        | —        |
| Total benefit cost                               | \$ 7,896                     | \$ 8,046 | \$ 6,362 | \$ 3,053                      | \$ 2,739 | \$ 2,291 |

The estimated net actuarial loss, prior service cost, and transition obligation for these plans that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost during 2008 are as follows:

|                       | Defined Benefit Pension Plan | Unfunded Excess Benefits Plan |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Net actuarial loss    | \$ 1,823                     | \$ 549                        |
| Prior service cost    | (436)                        | 11                            |
| Transition obligation | —                            | —                             |

Plan assets of PLC's defined benefit pension plan by category as of December 31 were as follows:

| Asset Category            | Target Allocation for 2008 | 2007   | 2006   |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | 2.0%                       | 2.8%   | 2.8%   |
| Equity securities         | 60.0                       | 67.4   | 68.2   |
| Fixed income              | 38.0                       | 29.8   | 29.0   |
| Total                     | 100.0%                     | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Prior to July 1999, upon an employee's retirement, a distribution from pension plan assets was used to purchase a single premium annuity from the Company in the retiree's name. Therefore, amounts shown above as plan assets exclude assets relating to such retirees. Since July 1999, retiree obligations have been fulfilled from pension plan assets. The defined benefit pension plan has a target asset allocation of 60% domestic equities, 38% fixed income, and 2% cash and cash equivalents. When calculating asset allocation, PLC includes reserves for pre-July 1999 retirees.

PLC's investment policy includes various guidelines and procedures designed to ensure assets are invested in a manner necessary to meet expected future benefits earned by participants. The investment guidelines consider a broad range of economic conditions. Central to the policy are target allocation ranges (shown above) by major asset categories. The objectives of the target allocations are to maintain investment portfolios that diversify risk through prudent asset allocation parameters, achieve asset returns that meet or exceed the plans' actuarial assumptions, and achieve asset returns that are competitive with like institutions employing similar investment strategies.

The plan's equity assets are invested in a domestic equity index collective trust managed by Northern Trust Corporation. The plan's cash equivalents are invested in a collective trust managed by Northern Trust Corporation. The plan's fixed income assets are invested in a group annuity contract with PLC.

Estimated future benefit payments under the defined benefit pension plan are as follows:

| Years                   | Defined Benefit<br>Pension Plan | Unfunded Excess<br>Benefits Plan |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (Dollars In Thousands ) |                                 |                                  |
| 2008                    | \$ 8,815                        | 2,326                            |
| 2009                    | 9,019                           | 2,199                            |
| 2010                    | 9,957                           | 2,146                            |
| 2011                    | 10,381                          | 2,028                            |
| 2012                    | 11,248                          | 2,172                            |
| 2013-2017               | 64,442                          | 15,467                           |

#### Other Postretirement Benefits

In addition to pension benefits, PLC provides limited healthcare benefits to eligible retired employees until age 65. This postretirement benefit is provided by an unfunded plan. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation associated with these benefits was \$1.5 and \$1.6 million, respectively. For a closed group of retirees over age 65, PLC provides a prescription drug benefit. At December 31, 2007 and 2006, PLC's liability related to this benefit was \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively. PLC's obligation is not materially affected by a 1% change in the healthcare cost trend assumptions used in the calculation of the obligation.

Life insurance benefits for retirees from \$9,000 up to a maximum of \$75,000 are provided through the payment of premiums under a group life insurance policy. This plan is partially funded at a maximum of \$50,000 face amount of insurance. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation associated with these benefits was \$6.5 million and \$5.4 million, respectively.

#### 401(k) Retirement Plan

PLC sponsors a 401(k) Plan which covers substantially all employees. Employee contributions are made on a before-tax basis as provided by Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Employees may contribute up to 25% of their annual compensation to the 401(k) Plan, limited to a maximum annual amount as set periodically by the Internal Revenue Service (\$15,500 for 2007). PLC matches employee contributions dollar for dollar up to a maximum of 4% of an employee's pay per year per person. All matching contributions vest immediately. If PLC's financial performance achieves certain goals set by PLC's Board of Directors, certain employees who are not otherwise under a bonus or sales incentive plan may receive an extra profit sharing contribution in stock of up to 3% of base pay. Eligible employees may receive this contribution even if they are not contributing their own money to the 401 (k) Plan. The profit sharing contribution will be discontinued after the 2007 Plan year.

PLC has established an ESOP to match voluntary employee contributions to PLC's 401(k) Plan. Expense related to the ESOP consists of the cost of the shares allocated to participating employees plus the interest expense on the ESOP's note payable to the Company less dividends on shares held by the ESOP. All shares held by the ESOP are treated as outstanding for purposes of computing earnings per share. At December 31, 2007, PLC had committed approximately 111,000 shares (approximately 99,000 shares to be released from the ESOP and 12,000 shares to be reissued from treasury) to fund the 401(k) Plan match. The expense recorded by PLC for these employee benefits was \$1.8 million, \$0.5 million, and \$1.9 million in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively.

Effective as of January 1, 2005, PLC adopted a supplemental matching contribution program, which is a nonqualified plan that provides supplemental matching contributions in excess of the limits imposed on qualified defined contribution plans by federal tax law. The first allocations under this program were made in early 2006, with respect to the 2005 plan year. The expense recorded by PLC for this employee benefit was \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, in 2007 and 2006.

### Deferred Compensation Plan

PLC has established deferred compensation plans for directors, officers, and others. Compensation deferred is credited to the participants in cash, mutual funds, common stock equivalents, or a combination thereof. PLC may, from time to time, reissue treasury shares or buy in the open market shares of common stock to fulfill its obligation under the plans. At December 31, 2007, the plans had 1,017,426 shares of common stock equivalents credited to participants. PLC's obligations related to its deferred compensation plans are reported in other liabilities, unless they are to be settled in shares of the PLC's common stock, in which case they are reported as a component of shareowners' equity.

### 14. INCOME TAXES

The Company's effective income tax rate related to continuing operations varied from the maximum federal income tax rate as follows:

|   | <u>For The Years Ended December 31,</u> |              |              |
|---|---|--------------|--------------|
|   | <u>2007</u>                             | <u>2006</u>  | <u>2005</u>  |
| Statutory federal income tax rate applied to pre-tax income | 35.0%                                   | 35.0%        | 35.0%        |
| Dividends received deduction and tax-exempt income          | (2.0)                                   | (1.7)        | (1.7)        |
| Intercompany gain on sale of affiliate                      | 0.0                                     | 1.6          | 0.0          |
| Other   | 1.3                                     | 1.2          | 0.1          |
| State income tax  | 1.9                                     | 0.8          | 1.4          |
| Effective income tax rate                                   | <u>36.2%</u>                            | <u>36.9%</u> | <u>34.8%</u> |

The provision for federal income tax in these financial statements differs from the amounts of income tax expense per the income tax returns for the same years due to certain revenue and expense items that are reported in these statements in years that are different from the years in which they are reported in the returns.

The components of the Company's income tax expense related to income before the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

|   | <u>2007</u>            | <u>2006</u>       | <u>2005</u>       |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | (Dollars In Thousands) |                   |                   |
| <b>Income tax expense per the income tax returns:</b> |                        |                   |                   |
| Federal   | \$ (48,059)            | \$ 19,888         | \$ 16,318         |
| State   | 754                    | (620)             | 2,717             |
| Total current   | <u>\$ (47,305)</u>     | <u>\$ 19,268</u>  | <u>\$ 19,035</u>  |
| <b>Deferred income tax expense:</b>                   |                        |                   |                   |
| Federal   | \$ 182,451             | \$ 130,009        | \$ 103,187        |
| State   | 8,377                  | 5,588             | 3,337             |
| Total deferred  | <u>\$ 190,828</u>      | <u>\$ 135,597</u> | <u>\$ 106,524</u> |

The components of the Company's net deferred income tax liability as of December 31 were as follows:

|  | <u>2007</u>            | <u>2006</u>       |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|
|  | (Dollars In Thousands) |                   |
| <b>Deferred income tax assets:</b>           |                        |                   |
| Policy and policyholders liability reserves  | \$ 319,988             | \$ 450,461        |
| Intercompany losses                          | 46,052                 | 34,657            |
| Invested assets (other than unrealized gain) | 5,172                  | 12,793            |
| Unrealized losses on investments             | 33,491                 | —                 |
| Deferred compensation                        | 6,233                  | 4,725             |
| Other  | 31,788                 | 25,710            |
|  | <u>442,724</u>         | <u>528,346</u>    |
| <b>Deferred income tax liabilities:</b>      |                        |                   |
| Deferred policy acquisition costs            | 954,126                | 890,481           |
| Unrealized gains on investments              | —                      | 19,716            |
|  | <u>954,126</u>         | <u>910,197</u>    |
| Net deferred income tax liability            | <u>\$ 511,402</u>      | <u>\$ 381,851</u> |

Under pre-1984 U.S. tax law, a significant amount of our taxable income was not currently taxed. Instead, it was accumulated in a memorandum, or policyholders' surplus, account. Such income was subject to taxation only when it was either distributed or accumulated in excess of certain prescribed limits. The \$70.5 million balance in our policyholders' surplus account as of December 31, 2003 has been carried forward without change since that date. Legislation was enacted in 2004 which permitted a life insurance company to reduce, during 2005 and 2006, its policyholders' surplus account balances without such reductions being subject to taxation. During 2006, the Company followed this legislation and reduced its policyholders' surplus account balances to zero.

The Company's income tax returns are included in the consolidated income tax returns of PLC. The allocation of income tax liabilities among affiliates is based upon separate income tax return calculations. At December 31, 2007 and 2006, \$(126.4) million and \$(125.4) million, respectively, were (due from)/payable to PLC for income tax liabilities.

Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48. As a result of this adoption, the Company recognized a \$0.6 million decrease in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits, which was accounted for as an increase to the January 1, 2007, retained earnings balance. A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

|   | <b>Unrecognized<br/>Tax Benefits</b> |               |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|
|   | <b>(Dollars In Thousands)</b>        |               |
| Balance at January 1, 2007                      | \$                                   | 21,425        |
| Additions for tax positions of the current year |                                      | 1,373         |
| Additions for tax positions of prior years      |                                      | 1,242         |
| Reductions of tax positions of prior years for: |                                      |               |
| Changes in judgment                             |                                      | —             |
| Settlements during the period                   |                                      | —             |
| Lapses of applicable statute of limitations     |                                      | (2,257)       |
| Balance at December 31, 2007                    | \$                                   | <u>21,783</u> |

Included in the balance above as of December 31, 2007 are approximately \$18.2 million of unrecognized tax benefits for which the ultimate deductibility is highly certain but for which there is uncertainty about the timing of such deductions. Other than interest and penalties, the disallowance of the shorter deductibility period would not affect the annual effective tax rate but would accelerate to an earlier period the payment of cash to the taxing authority. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits, if recognized, that would affect the effective tax rate at December 31, 2007 is approximately \$3.6 million.

Any accrued interest and penalties related to the unrecognized tax benefits have been included in income tax expense. The company has approximately \$4.5 million of accrued interest associated with unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2007 (before taking into consideration the related income tax benefit that is associated with such an expense).

Using the information available as of December 31, 2007, the Company believes that in the next 12 months, there are no positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly increase or decrease. In general, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state, and local income tax examinations by taxing authorities for tax years that began before 2004.

## 15. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The following table sets forth supplemental cash flow information for the years ended December 31:

|  | <u>2007</u>                   | <u>2006</u> | <u>2005</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | <b>(Dollars In Thousands)</b> |             |             |
| <b>Cash paid during the year:</b>                        |                               |             |             |
| Interest on debt   | \$ 62,550                     | \$ 19,899   | \$ 10,497   |
| Income taxes   | (24,028)                      | 81,193      | 112,688     |
| <b>Noncash investing and financing activities:</b>       |                               |             |             |
| Common dividend  |                               | 54,090      |             |
| Change in collateral for securities lending transactions | (25,234)                      | 105,310     | (195,175)   |
| Capital contributions from PLC                           | —                             | 21,464      | —           |

Total cash interest paid on debt during 2007 was \$62.6 million. Of this amount, \$52.3 million related to interest on non-recourse funding obligations, \$8.5 million related to interest on reverse repurchases, and \$1.8 million related to other interest.

During the fourth quarter of 2006, the Company received, through a series of dividends from its direct and indirect wholly owned subsidiaries, Lyndon Insurance Group, Inc. and First Protection Company, a promissory note in the principal amount of \$54.0 million. This promissory note arose out of the sale, at fair market value, by First Protection Company to PLC all of the outstanding stock of First Protection Corporation. This created an increase in

additional-paid-in capital for the Company of \$21.4 million. Subsequent to the receipt of this dividend, the Company declared and paid an ordinary dividend in the form of the \$54.1 million note, including accrued interest to its sole shareholder, PLC in 2006.

**16.** RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company leases furnished office space and computers to affiliates. Lease revenues were \$2.9 million in 2007, \$2.9 million in 2006, and \$0.2 million in 2005. The Company purchases data processing, legal, investment, and management services from affiliates. The costs of such services were \$144.4 million, \$33.1 million, and \$101.7 million in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively. Commissions paid to affiliated marketing organizations of \$0.4 million and \$0.1 million in 2006 and 2005, respectively, were included in deferred policy acquisition costs.

Certain corporations with which PLC's directors were affiliated paid the Company premiums and policy fees or other amounts for various types of insurance and investment products. Such premiums, policy fees, and other amounts totaled \$12.7 million, \$10.2 million, and \$9.0 million in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively. The Company and/or PLC paid commissions, interest on debt and investment products, and fees to these same corporations totaling \$1.8 million, \$2.8 million, and \$2.2 million in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively.

**17.** STATUTORY REPORTING PRACTICES AND OTHER REGULATORY MATTERS

Financial statements prepared in conformity with U.S. GAAP differ in some respects from the statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by insurance regulatory authorities. The most significant differences are as follows: (a) acquisition costs of obtaining new business are deferred and amortized over the approximate life of the policies rather than charged to operations as incurred; (b) benefit liabilities are computed using a net level method and are based on realistic estimates of expected mortality, interest, and withdrawals as adjusted to provide for possible unfavorable deviation from such assumptions; (c) deferred income taxes are not subject to statutory limitations as to amounts recognized and are recognized through earnings as opposed to being charged to shareowners' equity; (d) the Asset Valuation Reserve and Interest Maintenance Reserve are restored to shareowners' equity; (e) furniture and equipment, agents' debit balances, and prepaid expenses are reported as assets rather than being charged directly to surplus (referred to as nonadmitted assets); (f) certain items of interest income, such as mortgage and bond discounts, are amortized differently; and (g) bonds are recorded at their market values instead of amortized cost.

Statutory net income of the Company amounted to \$350.9 million, \$451.5 million, and \$41.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively. Statutory capital and surplus of Protective Life amounted to \$1,799.3 million and \$1,388.4 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

As of December 31, 2007, the Company and its insurance subsidiaries had on deposit with regulatory authorities, fixed maturity and short-term investments with a market value of approximately \$54.7 million.

## 18. ESTIMATED FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amounts and estimated fair values of our financial instruments at December 31 are as follows:

|   | 2007                |               | 2006                |               |
|---|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
|   | Carrying<br>Amounts | Fair Values   | Carrying<br>Amounts | Fair Value    |
| (Dollars In Thousands)                  |                     |               |                     |               |
| <b>Assets (see Notes 1 and 4):</b>      |                     |               |                     |               |
| Investments:                            |                     |               |                     |               |
| Fixed maturities                        | \$ 22,943,110       | \$ 22,943,110 | \$ 20,923,891       | \$ 20,923,891 |
| Equity securities                       | 64,226              | 64,226        | 80,108              | 80,108        |
| Mortgage loans on real estate           | 3,275,678           | 3,479,499     | 3,880,028           | 3,981,898     |
| Short-term investments                  | 1,218,116           | 1,218,116     | 1,366,467           | 1,366,467     |
| Cash                                    | 106,507             | 106,507       | 37,419              | 37,419        |
| <b>Liabilities (see Notes 1 and 4):</b> |                     |               |                     |               |
| Stable value product account balances   | 5,046,463           | 5,125,667     | 5,513,464           | 5,511,717     |
| Annuity account balances                | 8,708,383           | 8,535,371     | 8,958,089           | 8,717,755     |
| <b>Other (see Note 2):</b>              |                     |               |                     |               |
| Derivative financial instruments        | (31,744)            | (31,744)      | 61,874              | 61,874        |

Except as noted below, fair values were estimated using quoted market prices.

The Company estimates the fair value of our mortgage loans using discounted cash flows from the next call date. We believe the fair value of our short-term investments and notes payable to banks approximates book value due to being either short-term or having a variable rate of interest.

Given current market conditions, the fair value of our non-recourse funding obligations could differ, potentially significantly, from book value. The Company does not currently utilize any type of pricing calculation for these obligations that would generate a respective market value in today's displaced market.

The Company estimates the fair value of its stable value products and annuities using discounted cash flows and surrender values, respectively.

The Company believes it is not practicable to determine the fair value of our policy loans since there is no stated maturity, and policy loans are often repaid by reductions to policy benefits.

The Company estimates the fair value of our derivative financial instruments using market quotes or derivative pricing models. The fair values represent the net amount of cash we would have received (or paid) had the contracts been terminated on December 31.

## 19. OPERATING SEGMENTS

The Company operates several business segments each having a strategic focus. An operating segment is generally distinguished by products and/or channels of distribution. A brief description of each segment follows.

- The Life Marketing segment markets level premium term insurance, universal life, variable universal life and bank owned life insurance products on a national basis primarily through networks of independent insurance agents and brokers, stockbrokers, and independent marketing organizations.
- The Acquisitions segment focuses on acquiring, converting, and servicing policies acquired from other companies. The segment's primary focus is on life insurance policies and annuity products that were sold to individuals.

- The Annuities segment manufactures, sells, and supports fixed and variable annuity products. These products are primarily sold through stockbrokers, but are also sold through financial institutions and independent agents and brokers.
- The Stable Value Products segment sells guaranteed funding agreements to special purpose entities that in turn issue notes or certificates in smaller, transferable denominations. The segment also markets fixed and floating rate funding agreements directly to the trustees of municipal bond proceeds, institutional investors, bank trust departments, and money market funds. Additionally, the segment markets GICs to 401(k) and other qualified retirement savings plans.
- The Asset Protection segment primarily markets extended service contracts and credit life and disability insurance to protect consumers' investments in automobiles, watercraft, and recreational vehicles. In addition, the segment markets an inventory protection product and a GAP product.
- The Corporate and Other segment primarily consists of net investment income and expenses not attributable to the segments above (including net investment income on unallocated capital and interest on debt). This segment also includes earnings from several non-strategic lines of business (mostly cancer insurance, residual value insurance, surety insurance, and group annuities), various investment-related transactions, and the operations of several small subsidiaries.

The Company uses the same accounting policies and procedures to measure segment operating income and assets as we use to measure our consolidated net income and assets. Segment operating income is generally income before income tax excluding net realized investment gains and losses (net of the related amortization of DAC/VOBA and participating income from real estate ventures), and the cumulative effect of change in accounting principle. Periodic settlements of derivatives associated with corporate debt and certain investments and annuity products are included in realized gains and losses but are considered part of operating income because the derivatives are used to mitigate risk in items affecting consolidated and segment operating income. Segment operating income represents the basis on which the performance of our business is internally assessed by management. Premiums and policy fees, other income, benefits and settlement expenses, and amortization of DAC/VOBA are attributed directly to each operating segment. Net investment income is allocated based on directly related assets required for transacting the business of that segment. Realized investment gains (losses) and other operating expenses are allocated to the segments in a manner that most appropriately reflects the operations of that segment. Investments and other assets are allocated based on statutory policy liabilities, while DAC/VOBA and goodwill are shown in the segments to which they are attributable.

There were no significant intersegment transactions during 2007 or 2006.

The following tables summarize financial information for the Company's segments. Asset adjustments represent the inclusion of assets related to discontinued operations:

|   | For The Year Ended December 31, |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | 2007                            | 2006                | 2005                |
|   | (Dollars In Thousands)          |                     |                     |
| <b>Revenues</b>   |                                 |                     |                     |
| Life Marketing  | \$ 864,386                      | \$ 732,179          | \$ 550,517          |
| Acquisitions  | 892,433                         | 706,650             | 411,610             |
| Annuities   | 312,616                         | 267,836             | 287,844             |
| Stable Value Products   | 301,595                         | 326,814             | 294,650             |
| Asset Protection  | 328,452                         | 301,679             | 263,280             |
| Corporate and Other   | 142,419                         | 148,399             | 129,132             |
| Total revenues  | <u>\$ 2,841,901</u>             | <u>\$ 2,483,557</u> | <u>\$ 1,937,033</u> |
| <b>Segment Operating Income</b>   |                                 |                     |                     |
| Life Marketing  | \$ 166,552                      | \$ 172,247          | \$ 161,858          |
| Acquisitions  | 129,247                         | 104,534             | 80,721              |
| Annuities   | 21,102                          | 23,014              | 30,792              |
| Stable Value Products   | 50,231                          | 47,073              | 54,798              |
| Asset Protection  | 29,525                          | 7,788               | 23,991              |
| Corporate and Other   | 4,784                           | 4,761               | 39,056              |
| Total segment operating income  | 401,441                         | 359,417             | 391,216             |
| Realized investment gains (losses) – investments(1)                                     | (5,283)                         | 79,166              | 4,344               |
| Realized investment gains (losses) - derivatives(2)                                     | (202)                           | (18,835)            | (34,345)            |
| Income tax expense  | (143,523)                       | (154,865)           | (125,559)           |
| Net income  | <u>\$ 252,433</u>               | <u>\$ 264,883</u>   | <u>\$ 235,656</u>   |
| <hr/>   |                                 |                     |                     |
| (1) Realized investment gains (losses) – investments                                    | \$ 4,804                        | \$ 101,864          | \$ 37,934           |
| Less: participating income from real estate ventures                                    | 6,857                           | 13,494              | 8,684               |
| Less: related amortization of DAC   | 3,230                           | 9,204               | 24,906              |
|   | <u>\$ (5,283)</u>               | <u>\$ 79,166</u>    | <u>\$ 4,344</u>     |
| (2) Realized investment gains (losses) – derivatives                                    | \$ (274)                        | \$ (21,555)         | \$ (31,819)         |
| Less: settlements on certain interest rate swaps  | (4)                             | 27                  | 2,877               |
| Less: derivative losses related to certain annuities                                    | (68)                            | (2,747)             | (351)               |
|   | <u>\$ (202)</u>                 | <u>\$ (18,835)</u>  | <u>\$ (34,345)</u>  |
| <b>Net investment income</b>  |                                 |                     |                     |
| Life Marketing  | \$ 323,536                      | \$ 306,898          | \$ 260,914          |
| Acquisitions  | 578,965                         | 413,636             | 223,201             |
| Annuities   | 267,258                         | 225,063             | 218,678             |
| Stable Value Products   | 300,201                         | 325,653             | 310,715             |
| Asset Protection  | 34,277                          | 31,054              | 31,221              |
| Corporate and Other   | 109,566                         | 50,128              | 83,191              |
| Total net investment income   | <u>\$ 1,613,803</u>             | <u>\$ 1,352,432</u> | <u>\$ 1,127,920</u> |
| <b>Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs and value of business acquired</b> |                                 |                     |                     |
| Life Marketing  | \$ 106,094                      | \$ 60,227           | \$ 55,688           |
| Acquisitions  | 79,239                          | 58,814              | 27,072              |
| Annuities   | 27,685                          | 27,872              | 37,512              |
| Stable Value Products   | 4,199                           | 4,438               | 4,694               |
| Asset Protection  | 51,649                          | 53,044              | 68,623              |
| Corporate and Other   | 773                             | 3,388               | 4,064               |
| Total amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs                                 | <u>\$ 269,639</u>               | <u>\$ 207,783</u>   | <u>\$ 197,653</u>   |

| <b>Operating Segment Assets<br/>December 31, 2007</b>            |                           |                      |                     |                                  |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| (Dollars In Thousands)   |                           |                      |                     |                                  |
|  | <b>Life<br/>Marketing</b> | <b>Acquisitions</b>  | <b>Annuities</b>    | <b>Stable Value<br/>Products</b> |
| Investments and other assets                                     | \$ 9,873,915              | \$ 11,148,212        | \$ 7,727,125        | \$ 5,035,479                     |
| Deferred policy acquisition costs and value of business acquired | 2,070,903                 | 950,173              | 221,516             | 16,359                           |
| Goodwill   | —                         | 44,742               | —                   | —                                |
| Total assets   | <u>\$ 11,944,818</u>      | <u>\$ 12,143,127</u> | <u>\$ 7,948,641</u> | <u>\$ 5,051,838</u>              |

|  | <b>Asset<br/>Protection</b> | <b>Corporate<br/>and Other</b> | <b>Adjustments</b> | <b>Total<br/>Consolidated</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Investments and other assets                                     | \$ 1,291,469                | 2,612,140                      | 24,415             | 37,712,755                    |
| Deferred policy acquisition costs and value of business acquired | 80,428                      | 369                            | —                  | 3,339,748                     |
| Goodwill   | 47,837                      | —                              | —                  | 92,579                        |
| Total assets   | <u>\$ 1,419,734</u>         | <u>\$ 2,612,509</u>            | <u>\$ 24,415</u>   | <u>\$ 41,145,082</u>          |

| <b>Operating Segment Assets<br/>December 31, 2006</b>            |                           |                      |                     |                                  |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| (Dollars In Thousands)   |                           |                      |                     |                                  |
|  | <b>Life<br/>Marketing</b> | <b>Acquisitions</b>  | <b>Annuities</b>    | <b>Stable Value<br/>Products</b> |
| Investments and other assets                                     | \$ 8,027,379              | \$ 11,841,461        | \$ 6,947,649        | \$ 5,369,107                     |
| Deferred policy acquisition costs and value of business acquired | 1,842,813                 | 1,022,369            | 164,675             | 16,603                           |
| Goodwill   | —                         | 32,008               | —                   | —                                |
| Total assets   | <u>\$ 9,870,192</u>       | <u>\$ 12,895,838</u> | <u>\$ 7,112,324</u> | <u>\$ 5,385,710</u>              |

|  | <b>Asset<br/>Protection</b> | <b>Corporate<br/>and Other</b> | <b>Adjustments</b> | <b>Total<br/>Consolidated</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Investments and other assets                                     | \$ 933,035                  | 2,782,345                      | 33,545             | 35,934,521                    |
| Deferred policy acquisition costs and value of business acquired | 77,471                      | 23,875                         | —                  | 3,147,806                     |
| Goodwill   | 43,522                      | —                              | —                  | 75,530                        |
| Total assets   | <u>\$ 1,054,028</u>         | <u>\$ 2,806,220</u>            | <u>\$ 33,545</u>   | <u>\$ 39,157,857</u>          |

The Company's unaudited consolidated quarterly operating data for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 are presented below. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring items) necessary for a fair statement of quarterly results have been reflected in the following data. It is also management's opinion, however, that quarterly operating data for insurance enterprises are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected in succeeding quarters or years. In order to obtain a more accurate indication of performance, there should be a review of operating results, changes in shareowners' equity, and cash flows for a period of several quarters.

|                                    | <u>First<br/>Quarter</u> | <u>Second<br/>Quarter</u> | <u>Third<br/>Quarter</u> | <u>Fourth<br/>Quarter</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                    | (Dollars In Thousands)   |                           |                          |                           |
| <b>2007</b>                        |                          |                           |                          |                           |
| Premiums and policy fees           | \$ 661,275               | \$ 691,276                | \$ 675,559               | \$ 695,098                |
| Reinsurance ceded                  | (369,084)                | (421,696)                 | (367,700)                | (426,919)                 |
| Net of reinsurance ceded           | 292,191                  | 269,580                   | 307,859                  | 268,179                   |
| Net investment income              | 397,755                  | 394,575                   | 410,624                  | 410,849                   |
| Realized investment gains (losses) | 9,812                    | 18,147                    | (10,435)                 | (12,994)                  |
| Other income                       | 24,115                   | 23,282                    | 23,300                   | 15,062                    |
| Total revenues                     | 723,873                  | 705,584                   | 731,348                  | 681,096                   |
| Benefits and expenses              | 612,940                  | 601,088                   | 643,057                  | 588,860                   |
| Income before income tax           | 110,933                  | 104,496                   | 88,291                   | 92,236                    |
| Income tax expense                 | 38,863                   | 37,510                    | 28,067                   | 39,083                    |
| Net income                         | <u>\$ 72,070</u>         | <u>\$ 66,986</u>          | <u>\$ 60,224</u>         | <u>\$ 53,153</u>          |
| <b>2006</b>                        |                          |                           |                          |                           |
| Premiums and policy fees           | \$ 480,748               | \$ 489,650                | \$ 602,294               | \$ 743,902                |
| Reinsurance ceded                  | (249,086)                | (286,293)                 | (331,259)                | (496,084)                 |
| Net of reinsurance ceded           | 231,662                  | 203,357                   | 271,035                  | 247,818                   |
| Net investment income              | 282,452                  | 284,972                   | 392,407                  | 392,601                   |
| Realized investment gains (losses) | 23,339                   | 15,364                    | 13,004                   | 28,602                    |
| Other income                       | 17,428                   | 20,982                    | 30,168                   | 28,366                    |
| Total revenues                     | 554,881                  | 524,675                   | 706,614                  | 697,387                   |
| Benefits and expenses              | 445,806                  | 414,224                   | 634,814                  | 568,965                   |
| Income before income tax           | 109,075                  | 110,451                   | 71,800                   | 128,422                   |
| Income tax expense                 | 39,267                   | 37,750                    | 25,760                   | 52,088                    |
| Net income                         | <u>\$ 69,808</u>         | <u>\$ 72,701</u>          | <u>\$ 46,040</u>         | <u>\$ 76,334</u>          |

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Share Owners of  
Protective Life Insurance Company:

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the accompanying index present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Protective Life Insurance Company and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2007 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedules listed in the accompanying index present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. These financial statements and financial statement schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement schedules based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, effective January 1, 2007, the Company changed its methods of accounting for deferred acquisition costs in connection with modifications or exchanges of insurance contracts, uncertainty in income taxes, certain hybrid financial instruments and servicing of financial assets.

/S/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP  
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Birmingham, Alabama  
March 28, 2008

**SCHEDULE II - CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT**  
**STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**(Parent Company)**

|  | <u>For The Years Ended December 31,</u> |                   |                   |
|--|---|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | <u>2007</u>                             | <u>2006</u>       | <u>2005</u>       |
| (Dollars In Thousands)   |   |                   |                   |
| <b>Revenues</b>  |   |                   |                   |
| Premiums and policy fees   | \$ 540,374                              | \$ 406,115        | \$ 400,054        |
| Dividends from subsidiaries  | 202,864                                 | 199,638           | 23,649            |
| Net investment income  | 1,230,774                               | 864,750           | 875,516           |
| Realized investment gains (losses)   | 14,734                                  | 43,346            | (1,228)           |
| Other income   | 18,796                                  | 10,904            | 3,902             |
| Total revenues   | <u>2,007,542</u>                        | <u>1,524,753</u>  | <u>1,301,893</u>  |
| <b>Benefits and Expenses</b>   |   |                   |                   |
| Benefits and settlement expenses   | 1,318,936                               | 940,711           | 899,498           |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs and value of business acquired | 158,653                                 | 89,244            | 104,661           |
| Other operating expenses   | 69,530                                  | 87,813            | 88,558            |
| Total benefits and expenses  | <u>1,547,119</u>                        | <u>1,117,768</u>  | <u>1,092,717</u>  |
| Income before income tax and other items below                                   | 460,423                                 | 406,985           | 209,176           |
| Income tax expense   | 92,439                                  | 69,813            | 62,610            |
| Income before equity in undistributed income of subsidiaries                     | 367,984                                 | 337,172           | 146,566           |
| Equity in undistributed income (loss) of subsidiaries*                           | (115,551)                               | (72,289)          | 89,090            |
| <b>Net income</b>  | <u>\$ 252,433</u>                       | <u>\$ 264,883</u> | <u>\$ 235,656</u> |

See Notes to Condensed Financial Statements

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\*Eliminated in consolidation

**SCHEDULE II - CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT**  
**BALANCE SHEETS**  
**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**(Parent Company)**

|  | As of December 31,   |                      |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | 2007                 | 2006                 |
| (Dollars In Thousands)   |                      |                      |
| <b>Assets</b>  |                      |                      |
| Investments:   |                      |                      |
| Fixed maturities and equity securities                           | \$ 16,683,011        | \$ 10,345,881        |
| Mortgage loans   | 2,757,426            | 3,388,452            |
| Investment real estate   | 6,999                | 11,111               |
| Policy loans   | 736,878              | 370,314              |
| Other long-term investments                                      | 184,392              | 313,994              |
| Short-term investments   | 764,012              | 528,974              |
| Investments in subsidiaries (equity method)*                     | 1,639,980            | 2,222,764            |
| Total investments  | 22,772,698           | 17,181,490           |
| Cash   | 91,391               | —                    |
| Accrued investment income  | 203,611              | 147,186              |
| Accounts and premiums receivable                                 | 62,052               | 144,155              |
| Reinsurance receivables  | 4,113,996            | 1,456,232            |
| Receivables from subsidiaries*                                   | —                    | 15,864               |
| Deferred policy acquisition costs and value of business acquired | 2,094,057            | 1,172,403            |
| Goodwill   | 29,565               | 348                  |
| Property and equipment, net                                      | 38,517               | 34,534               |
| Other assets   | 86,391               | 80,597               |
| Income tax receivable  | 121,386              | 36,278               |
| Assets related to separate accounts                              | 3,255,026            | 2,917,810            |
| <b>Total Assets</b>  | <b>\$ 32,868,690</b> | <b>\$ 23,186,897</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |                      |                      |
| Policy liabilities and accruals                                  | \$ 11,985,285        | \$ 7,106,822         |
| Stable value product account balances                            | 5,046,463            | 5,513,464            |
| Annuity account balances   | 7,584,157            | 3,239,606            |
| Other policyholders' funds                                       | 288,920              | 170,749              |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities                           | 1,000,289            | 797,892              |
| Payables to subsidiaries*  | 8,935                | —                    |
| Deferred income taxes  | 277,818              | 187,056              |
| Liabilities related to separate accounts                         | 3,255,026            | 2,917,810            |
| Total liabilities  | 29,446,893           | 19,933,399           |
| <b>Commitments and contingent liabilities – Note 3</b>           |                      |                      |
| <b>Shareowners' equity</b>                                       |                      |                      |
| Preferred stock  | 2                    | 2                    |
| Common stock   | 5,000                | 5,000                |
| Additional paid-in-capital                                       | 1,120,996            | 1,114,269            |
| Notes receivable from PLC Employee Stock Ownership Plan          | (1,445)              | (1,995)              |
| Retained earnings  | 2,354,721            | 2,100,404            |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income                           | (57,477)             | 35,818               |
| Total shareowners' equity  | 3,421,797            | 3,253,498            |
| <b>Total liabilities and shareowners' equity</b>                 | <b>\$ 32,868,690</b> | <b>\$ 23,186,897</b> |

See Notes to Condensed Financial Statements

\*Eliminated in consolidation

**SCHEDULE II - CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**(Parent Company)**

|   | <u>For The Years Ended December 31,</u> |                  |                    |
|---|---|------------------|--------------------|
|   | <u>2007</u>                             | <u>2006</u>      | <u>2005</u>        |
| (Dollars In Thousands)  |   |                  |                    |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>   |   |                  |                    |
| Net income  | \$ 252,433                              | \$ 264,883       | \$ 235,656         |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:                   |   |                  |                    |
| Realized investment (gains) losses  | (14,734)                                | (43,346)         | 1,228              |
| Equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries*   | 115,551                                 | 72,289           | (89,090)           |
| Non-cash dividend from subsidiary   | 177,639                                 | (20,996)         | —                  |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs and value of businesses acquired                  | 158,653                                 | 89,244           | 104,661            |
| Capitalization of deferred policy acquisition cost  | (402,323)                               | (103,351)        | (161,697)          |
| Depreciation expense  | 8,130                                   | 9,333            | 10,630             |
| Deferred income taxes   | 150,480                                 | 98,764           | 74,206             |
| Accrued income taxes  | (85,108)                                | 23,998           | (60,775)           |
| Interest credited to universal life and investment products   | 784,246                                 | 607,770          | 590,957            |
| Policy fees assessed on universal life and investment products                                      | (457,522)                               | (319,925)        | (277,502)          |
| Change in reinsurance receivables   | (554,588)                               | (118,981)        | (26,512)           |
| Change in accrued investment income and other receivables   | 25,678                                  | (109,740)        | (13,521)           |
| Change in due to/from subsidiaries, net   | 24,799                                  | (23,868)         | (3,181)            |
| Change in policy liabilities and other policyholders' funds of traditional life and health products | 50,591                                  | 174,015          | 82,471             |
| Trading securities:   |   |                  |                    |
| Maturities and principal reductions of investments  | 318,479                                 | —                | —                  |
| Sale of investments   | 1,756,213                               | —                | —                  |
| Cost of investments acquired  | (2,124,544)                             | —                | —                  |
| Other net change in trading securities  | (13,561)                                | —                | —                  |
| Change in other liabilities   | 97,396                                  | 102,020          | 15,171             |
| Other (net)   | 82,434                                  | 18,563           | (72,707)           |
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>  | <u>350,342</u>                          | <u>720,672</u>   | <u>409,995</u>     |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>   |   |                  |                    |
| Maturities and principal reductions of investments  | 912,383                                 | 766,385          | 1,417,693          |
| Sale of investments   | 1,435,384                               | 3,898,469        | 4,340,251          |
| Cost of investments acquired  | (2,102,690)                             | (3,990,890)      | (6,775,891)        |
| Mortgage loans:   |   |                  |                    |
| New borrowings  | (839,317)                               | (835,134)        | (738,966)          |
| Repayments  | 453,146                                 | 418,278          | 420,168            |
| Additional investments in/return of capital from subsidiaries*                                      | 289,595                                 | (645,107)        | (54,514)           |
| Change in investment real estate, net   | 7,625                                   | 20,926           | 10,254             |
| Change in policy loans, net   | 19,369                                  | 6,666            | 18,081             |
| Purchase of property and equipment  | (12,430)                                | (5,355)          | (6,613)            |
| Change in other long-term investments, net  | (11,752)                                | 17,849           | (25,873)           |
| Change in short-term investments, net   | (260,272)                               | 51,830           | 322,252            |
| <b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>  | <u>(108,959)</u>                        | <u>(296,083)</u> | <u>(1,073,158)</u> |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>   |   |                  |                    |
| Capital contributions   | 7,531                                   | 160,000          | —                  |
| Investment product and universal life deposits  | 3,078,768                               | 1,703,247        | 2,531,306          |
| Investment products and universal life withdrawals  | (3,200,755)                             | (2,222,823)      | (1,877,284)        |
| Other financing activities, net   | (35,536)                                | (97,091)         | 17,909             |
| <b>Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities</b>  | <u>(149,992)</u>                        | <u>(456,667)</u> | <u>671,931</u>     |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in cash</b>  | <u>91,391</u>                           | <u>(32,078)</u>  | <u>8,768</u>       |
| <b>Cash at beginning of year</b>  | <u>—</u>                                | <u>32,078</u>    | <u>23,310</u>      |
| <b>Cash at end of year</b>  | <u>\$ 91,391</u>                        | <u>\$ —</u>      | <u>\$ 32,078</u>   |

See Notes to Condensed Financial Statements

\*Eliminated in consolidation.

**SCHEDULE II - CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT**  
**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**(Parent Company)**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The Company publishes consolidated financial statements that are its primary financial statements. Therefore, this parent company condensed financial information is not intended to be the primary financial statements of the Company, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of Protective Life Insurance Company and subsidiaries.

**1. ORGANIZATION AND PRESENTATION**

Protective Life Insurance Company (the "Company"), a stock life insurance company, was founded in 1907 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Protective Life Corporation. The Company provides financial services through the production, distribution, and administration of insurance and investment products. The condensed financial statements of Protective Life Insurance Company reflect its wholly owned subsidiaries using the equity method of accounting.

**2. DIVIDENDS AND RETURNS OF CAPITAL**

Dividends and/or returns of capital received by the Company during the year ended December 31, 2007 amounted to \$202.9 million, including \$177.6 million representing the dividend of Lyndon Property Insurance Company, \$12.8 million from Protective Life and Annuity Insurance Company, \$12.4 million from Protective Finance Corporation II. Dividends and/or returns of capital received by the Company during the year ended December 31, 2006 amounted to \$686.9 million, including \$359.6 million from Chase Insurance Life and Annuity Company, \$96.5 million from Lyndon Insurance Group, Inc., \$78.5 million from Protective Life and Annuity Insurance Company, \$67.0 million from Protective Finance Corporation, \$75.0 million from West Coast Life Insurance Company, and \$10.3 million from Protective Finance Corporation II. Dividends and/or returns of capital received by the Company during the year ended December 31, 2005 amounted to \$55.0 million, including \$15.3 million from Protective Finance Corporation II, \$14.7 million from Protective Life and Annuity Insurance Company, \$12.0 million from Protective Finance Corporation, \$9.0 million from Lyndon Insurance Group, Inc., and \$4.0 million from Western Diversified Services, Inc.

**3. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Company leases administrative and marketing office space in approximately 13 cities including Birmingham, with most leases being for periods of three to ten years. The aggregate annualized rent is approximately \$4.2 million. The following is a schedule by year of future minimum rental payments required under these leases:

| <u>Years</u> | <u>Amount</u>                 |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
|              | <u>(Dollars In Thousands)</u> |
| 2008         | \$ 4,230                      |
| 2009         | 3,535                         |
| 2010         | 3,039                         |
| 2011         | 2,315                         |
| 2012         | 2,130                         |
| Thereafter   | 5,940                         |

Additionally, the Company leases a building contiguous to its home office. The lease extends to January 2014. At the end of the lease term, the Company may purchase the building for approximately \$75 million. The following is a schedule by year of future minimum rental payments required under this lease:

| <u>Years</u> | <u>Amount</u>                 |        |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------|
|              | <u>(Dollars In Thousands)</u> |        |
| 2008         | \$                            | 4,028  |
| 2009         |                               | 4,039  |
| 2010         |                               | 4,006  |
| 2011         |                               | 4,006  |
| 2012         |                               | 4,028  |
| Thereafter   |                               | 79,017 |

Under insurance guaranty fund laws, in most states insurance companies doing business therein can be assessed up to prescribed limits for policyholder losses incurred by insolvent companies. The Company does not believe such assessments will be materially different from amounts already provided for in the financial statements. Most of these laws do provide, however, that an assessment may be excused or deferred if it would threaten an insurer's own financial strength.

A number of civil jury verdicts have been returned against insurers, broker dealers, and other providers of financial services involving sales refund or claims practices, alleged agent misconduct, failure to properly supervise representatives, relationships with agents or persons with whom the insurer does business, and other matters. Often these lawsuits have resulted in the award of substantial judgments that are disproportionate to the actual damages, including material amounts of punitive and non-economic compensatory damages. In some states, juries, judges, and arbitrators have substantial discretion in awarding punitive non-economic compensatory damages which creates the potential for unpredictable material adverse judgments or awards in any given lawsuit or arbitration. Arbitration awards are subject to very limited appellate review. In addition, in some class action and other lawsuits, companies have made material settlement payments. The Company, like other financial service companies, in the ordinary course of business, is involved in such litigation and arbitration. Although we cannot predict the outcome of any such litigation or arbitration, the Company does not believe that any such outcome will have a material impact on the financial condition or results of the operations of the Company.

As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company had outstanding mortgage loan commitments of \$848.1 million at an average rate of 6.31%, and \$914.4 million, at an average rate of 6.26%.

#### **4. GUARANTEES**

The Company has provided liquidity support to some of its insurance subsidiaries in the form of guarantees of certain (primarily insurance) obligations. The majority of these obligations are backed by assets held in the Company's insurance subsidiaries which the Company believes sufficiently cover the underlying obligations.

## 5. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

|  | <u>2007</u>            | <u>2006</u> | <u>2005</u> |
|--|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | (Dollars In Thousands) |             |             |
| <b>Cash paid during the year for:</b>  |                        |             |             |
| Interest on debt   | \$ 9,723               | \$ 5,130    | \$ 5,975    |
| Income taxes (reduced by amounts received from affiliates under a tax sharing agreement) | (19,589)               | (53,627)    | 35,431      |
| Noncash investing and financing activities:  |                        |             |             |
| Common dividends   | —                      | 54,090      | —           |
| Change in collateral for securities lending transactions                                 | (25,234)               | 105,310     | (195,175)   |
| Capital contributions from PLC   | —                      | 21,464      | —           |
| Return of capital from subsidiary in the form of stock                                   | 177,639                | 41,450      | —           |

Total cash interest paid on debt during 2007 was \$9.7 million. Of this amount, \$8.5 million related to reverse repurchases and \$1.2 million related to other interest.

During the fourth quarter of 2006, the Company received, through a series of dividends from its direct and indirect wholly owned subsidiaries, Lyndon Insurance Group, Inc. and First Protection Company, a promissory note in the principal amount of \$54.0 million. This promissory note arose out of the sale, at fair market value, by First Protection Company to PLC all of the outstanding stock of First Protection Corporation. This created an increase in additional paid-in capital for the Company of \$21.4 million. Subsequent to the receipt of this dividend, the Company declared and paid an ordinary dividend in the form of the \$54.1 million note, including accrued interest to its sole shareholder, PLC.

**SCHEDULE III - SUPPLEMENTARY INSURANCE INFORMATION  
PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES**

| Segment                       | Deferred Policy Acquisition Costs and Value of Business Acquired | Future Policy Benefits and Claims | Unearned Premiums  | Stable Value Products, Annuity Contracts and Other Policyholders' Funds | Net Premiums and Policy Fees | Net Investment Income(1) | Benefits and Settlement Expenses | Amortization of Deferred Policy Acquisition Costs and Value of Businesses Acquired | Other Operating Expenses(1) |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| (Dollars In Thousands)        |  |                                   |                    |   |                              |                          |                                  |  |                             |
| Year Ended December 31, 2007: |  |                                   |                    |   |                              |                          |                                  |  |                             |
| Life Marketing                | 2,070,903  | 8,951,618                         | 380,476            | 408,616   | 539,777                      | 323,536                  | 635,063                          | 106,094  | (43,323)                    |
| Acquisitions                  | 950,173  | 6,032,479                         | 17,322             | 5,044,135   | 300,156                      | 578,965                  | 633,971                          | 79,239   | 48,207                      |
| Annuities                     | 221,516  | 1,058,954                         | 30,975             | 3,439,841   | 34,163                       | 267,258                  | 240,210                          | 27,685   | 22,760                      |
| Stable Value Products         | 16,359   | —                                 | —                  | 5,035,479   | —                            | 300,201                  | 241,460                          | 4,199  | 4,311                       |
| Asset Protection              | 80,428   | 103,709                           | 697,628            | 57,678  | 229,703                      | 34,277                   | 93,122                           | 51,649   | 154,156                     |
| Corporate and Other           | 369  | 75,658                            | 1,585              | 76,237  | 34,010                       | 109,566                  | 36,191                           | 773  | 110,178                     |
| Adjustments(2)                | —  | 26,999                            | —                  | —   | —                            | —                        | —                                | —  | —                           |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$ 3,339,748\$</b>  | <b>16,249,417\$</b>               | <b>1,127,986\$</b> | <b>14,061,986\$</b>   | <b>1,137,809\$</b>           | <b>1,613,803\$</b>       | <b>1,880,017\$</b>               | <b>269,639\$</b>   | <b>296,289</b>              |
| Year Ended December 31, 2006: |  |                                   |                    |   |                              |                          |                                  |  |                             |
| Life Marketing                | \$ 1,842,813\$   | 7,991,847\$                       | 241,422\$          | 67,331\$  | 421,275\$                    | 306,898\$                | 535,940\$                        | 60,227\$   | (36,235)                    |
| Acquisitions                  | 1,022,369  | 5,954,054                         | 248                | 5,055,074   | 258,260                      | 413,636                  | 494,533                          | 58,814   | 26,829                      |
| Annuities                     | 164,675  | 917,805                           | 19,092             | 4,111,267   | 32,074                       | 225,063                  | 191,238                          | 27,872   | 23,443                      |
| Stable Value Products         | 16,603   | —                                 | —                  | 5,369,107   | —                            | 325,653                  | 269,851                          | 4,438  | 4,291                       |
| Asset Protection              | 77,471   | 124,840                           | 587,608            | 9,519   | 203,983                      | 31,054                   | 94,210                           | 53,044   | 146,637                     |
| Corporate and Other           | 23,875   | 94,301                            | 10,804             | 187,391   | 38,280                       | 50,128                   | 46,845                           | 3,388  | 58,444                      |
| Adjustments(2)                | —  | 30,430                            | —                  | —   | —                            | —                        | —                                | —  | —                           |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$ 3,147,806\$</b>  | <b>15,113,277\$</b>               | <b>859,174\$</b>   | <b>14,799,689\$</b>   | <b>953,872\$</b>             | <b>1,352,432\$</b>       | <b>1,632,617\$</b>               | <b>207,783\$</b>   | <b>223,409</b>              |
| Year Ended December 31, 2005: |  |                                   |                    |   |                              |                          |                                  |  |                             |
| Life Marketing                | \$ 1,584,121\$   | 7,027,066\$                       | 130,683\$          | 62,851\$  | 288,568\$                    | 260,914\$                | 392,448\$                        | 55,688\$   | (59,477)                    |
| Acquisitions                  | 304,837  | 3,091,166                         | 274                | 757,043   | 186,804                      | 223,201                  | 273,626                          | 27,072   | 30,191                      |
| Annuities                     | 128,930  | 760,906                           | 11,959             | 2,661,224   | 31,810                       | 218,678                  | 187,791                          | 37,512   | 25,675                      |
| Stable Value Products         | 19,102   | —                                 | —                  | 5,959,112   | —                            | 310,715                  | 246,134                          | 4,694  | 5,089                       |
| Asset Protection              | 159,740  | 132,404                           | 539,385            | 6,899   | 186,483                      | 31,221                   | 101,459                          | 68,623   | 69,207                      |
| Corporate and Other           | 7,381  | 100,260                           | 18,516             | 145,830   | 42,267                       | 83,191                   | 51,890                           | 4,064  | 54,132                      |
| Adjustments(2)                | —  | 35,840                            | 69                 | —   | —                            | —                        | —                                | —  | —                           |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$ 2,204,111\$</b>  | <b>11,147,642\$</b>               | <b>700,886\$</b>   | <b>9,592,959\$</b>  | <b>735,932\$</b>             | <b>1,127,920\$</b>       | <b>1,253,348\$</b>               | <b>197,653\$</b>   | <b>124,817</b>              |

- (1) Allocations of Net Investment Income and Other Operating Expenses are based on a number of assumptions and estimates and results would change if different methods were applied.
- (2) Balance Sheet adjustments represent the inclusion of assets related to discontinued operations.

**SCHEDULE IV — REINSURANCE**  
**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES**

|                                  | Gross<br>Amount     | Ceded to<br>Other<br>Companies | Assumed<br>from<br>Other<br>Companies | Net<br>Amount       | Percentage of<br>Amount<br>Assumed to<br>Net |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| (Dollars In Thousands)           |                     |                                |                                       |                     |  |
| Year Ended December 31, 2007:    |                     |                                |                                       |                     |  |
| Life insurance in force          | \$ 747,423,376      | \$ 531,984,866                 | \$ 17,758,675                         | 233,197,185         | 7.6%   |
| Premiums and policy fees:        |                     |                                |                                       |                     |  |
| Life insurance                   | 2,168,376           | 1,483,025                      | 185,664                               | 871,015             | 21.3%  |
| Accident/health insurance        | 88,357              | 31,021                         | 1,530                                 | 58,866              | 2.6  |
| Property and liability insurance | 265,115             | 71,353                         | 14,166                                | 207,928             | 6.8  |
| Total                            | <u>\$ 2,521,848</u> | <u>\$ 1,585,399</u>            | <u>\$ 201,360</u>                     | <u>\$ 1,137,809</u> |  |
| Year Ended December 31, 2006:    |                     |                                |                                       |                     |  |
| Life insurance in force          | \$ 700,267,475      | \$ 576,790,608                 | \$ 24,225,953                         | 147,702,820         | 16.4%  |
| Premiums and policy fees:        |                     |                                |                                       |                     |  |
| Life insurance                   | 1,739,220           | 1,210,831                      | 192,176                               | 720,565             | 26.7%  |
| Accident/health insurance        | 97,665              | 41,351                         | 4,379                                 | 60,693              | 7.2  |
| Property and liability insurance | 261,004             | 110,540                        | 22,150                                | 172,614             | 12.8   |
| Total                            | <u>\$ 2,097,889</u> | <u>\$ 1,362,722</u>            | <u>\$ 218,705</u>                     | <u>\$ 953,872</u>   |  |
| Year Ended December 31, 2005:    |                     |                                |                                       |                     |  |
| Life insurance in force          | \$ 443,923,068      | \$ 393,605,152                 | \$ 23,210,523                         | 73,528,439          | 31.6%  |
| Premiums and policy fees:        |                     |                                |                                       |                     |  |
| Life insurance                   | 1,294,183           | 1,046,664                      | 286,632                               | 534,151             | 53.7%  |
| Accident/health insurance        | 107,072             | 43,855                         | 4,100                                 | 67,317              | 6.1  |
| Property and liability insurance | 239,455             | 118,345                        | 13,354                                | 134,464             | 9.9  |
| Total                            | <u>\$ 1,640,710</u> | <u>\$ 1,208,864</u>            | <u>\$ 304,086</u>                     | <u>\$ 735,932</u>   |  |

**SCHEDULE V – VALUATION ACCOUNTS  
PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES**

| Description  | Balance at<br>at beginning<br>of period | Additions                           |                                 | Deductions | Balance<br>at end of<br>period |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
|  |   | Charged to<br>costs and<br>expenses | Charges<br>to other<br>accounts |            |                                |
| (Dollars In Thousands)   |   |                                     |                                 |            |                                |
| <b>2007</b>  |   |                                     |                                 |            |                                |
| Allowance for losses on commercial mortgage loans                | \$ 475                                  | \$ 2,890                            | \$ —                            | \$ (2,890) | \$ 475                         |
| Bad debt reserve associated with Lender's Indemnity product line | 27,100                                  | 2,645                               | —                               | —          | 29,745                         |
| <b>2006</b>  |   |                                     |                                 |            |                                |
| Allowance for losses on commercial mortgage loans                | \$ 6,775                                | \$ —                                | \$ —                            | \$ (6,300) | \$ 475                         |
| Bad debt reserve associated with Lender's Indemnity product line | —                                       | 27,100                              | —                               | —          | 27,100                         |
| <b>2005</b>  |   |                                     |                                 |            |                                |
| Allowance for losses on commercial mortgage loans                | \$ 3,250                                | \$ 3,525                            | \$ —                            | \$ —       | \$ 6,775                       |

## **Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosures**

None

### **Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

#### **(a) Disclosure controls and procedures**

Under the direction of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Company evaluated its disclosure controls and procedures and concluded that its disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2007. It should be noted that any system of controls, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. Further, the design of any control system is based in part upon certain judgments, including the costs and benefits of controls and the likelihood of future events. Because of these and other inherent limitations of control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues, if any, within the Company have been detected.

#### **(b) Management's report on Internal controls over financial reporting**

Management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

- pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company;
- provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and
- provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risks that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework*.

Based on our assessment of internal control over financial reporting, management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2007, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of the Company's registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by the Company's registered public accounting firm pursuant to temporary rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that permit the Company to provide only management's report in this annual report.

**(c) Changes in internal control over financial reporting**

As a result of the recent acquisitions of the Chase Insurance Group and Western General, during 2007, we have made a number of significant changes in internal controls over financial reporting. The changes involve combining and centralizing the financial reporting process and the attendant personnel and system changes. We expect this process to continue as we continue to integrate the new businesses into our existing corporate structure. Except as described above, no changes in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during the year ended December 31, 2007 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, such internal control over financial reporting. Our internal controls exist within a dynamic environment, and we continually strives to improve our internal controls and procedures to enhance the quality of our financial reporting.

**Item 9B. Other Information**

None

### PART III

#### Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The executive officers and directors of the Company are as follows:

| <u>Name</u>        | <u>Age</u> | <u>Position</u>   |
|--------------------|------------|---|
| John D. Johns      | 56         | Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer, and a Director |
| Richard J. Bielen  | 47         | Vice Chairman, Chief Financial Officer, and a Director                    |
| Carolyn M. Johnson | 47         | Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, and a Director         |
| Deborah J. Long    | 54         | Executive Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel                  |
| Carl S. Thigpen    | 51         | Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer                     |
| D. Scott Adams     | 43         | Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer                   |
| Brent E. Griggs    | 52         | Senior Vice President, Asset Protection                                   |
| Carolyn King       | 58         | Senior Vice President, Acquisitions and Corporate Development             |
| Steven G. Walker   | 48         | Senior Vice President, Controller, and Chief Accounting Officer           |
| Judy Wilson        | 49         | Senior Vice President, Stable Value Products                              |

All executive officers are elected annually and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. Mr. Johns serves as a director of PLC and the executive officers including Mr. Johns serve as executive officers of PLC. None of the executive officers are related to any director of the Company or PLC or to any other executive officer.

Mr. Johns has been Chairman of the Board of the Company since January 2003, and President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since December 2001. He has been a Director of the Company since May 1994. Mr. Johns has been employed by PLC and its subsidiaries since 1993. Mr. Johns also serves as a director of PLC.

Mr. Bielen has been Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of the Company since June 2007. He has been a Director of the Company since September 2006. From August 2006 to June 2007, Mr. Bielen served as Executive Vice President of the Company and as Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer from January 2002 to June 2007. From January 2002 to September 2006, he was Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer. Mr. Bielen has been employed by PLC and its subsidiaries since 1991.

Ms. Johnson has been Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company since June 2007. She has been a Director of the Company since June 2007. From November 2006 to June 2007, she served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operations and Technology Officer of the Company. Ms. Johnson served as Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Life and Annuity of the Company from May 2006 to November 2006. From August 2004 to May 2006, she served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Life and Annuity of the Company. From 2003 to 2004, Ms. Johnson served as Senior Vice President, Bankers Life and Casualty.

Ms. Long has been Executive Vice President of the Company since May 2007 and Secretary and General Counsel of the Company since November 1996. Ms. Long has been employed by PLC and its subsidiaries since 1994.

Mr. Thigpen has been Executive Vice President and Chief Investments Officer of the Company since June 2007. From January 2002 to June 2007, Mr. Thigpen served as Senior Vice President and Chief Mortgage and Real Estate Officer of the Company. Mr. Thigpen has been employed by PLC and its subsidiaries since 1984.

Mr. Adams has been Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer of the Company since April 2006. From May 2005 to March 2006, he served as an Executive Search Consultant for the wealth and investment management business sector with Anderson & Associates in Charlotte, NC. From 1996 to 2004, Mr. Adams was Senior Vice President and Human Resource Executive for the Wealth and Investment Management business of Bank of America.

Mr. Griggs has been Senior Vice President, Asset Protection, of the Company since February 2003. Mr. Griggs has been employed by PLC and its subsidiaries since 1997.

Ms. King has been Senior Vice President, Acquisitions and Corporate Development of the Company since June 2007. From December 2003 to June 2007, she served as Senior Vice President, Acquisitions of the Company. Ms. King served as Senior Vice President, Life and Annuity of the Company from January 2003 until December 2003. Ms. King has been employed by PLC and its subsidiaries since April 1995.

Mr. Walker has been Senior Vice President, Controller, and Chief Accounting Officer of the Company since March 2004. From September 2003 through March 2004, he served as Vice President, Controller, and Chief Accounting Officer of the Company. From August 2002 to September 2003, he served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Asset Protection Division of the Company.

Ms. Wilson has been Senior Vice President, Stable Value Products of the Company since January 1995. Ms. Wilson has been employed by PLC and its subsidiaries since 1989.

Certain of these executive officers also serve as executive officers and/or directors of various other of our subsidiaries.

#### **Compliance With Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act**

Not Applicable

#### **Code of Ethics**

PLC has adopted a Code of Business Conduct, which applies to all directors, officers and employees of PLC and the Company, as its wholly owned subsidiary. The Code of Business Conduct incorporates a code of ethics that applies to the principal executive officer and all financial officers (including the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Accounting Officer) of PLC and of the Company. The Code of Business Conduct is available on PLC's website ([www.protective.com](http://www.protective.com)).

**Item 11. Executive Compensation**

Executive officers of the Company also serve as executive officers and/or directors of PLC or one or more affiliated companies of PLC. Compensation allocations are made as to each individual's time devoted to duties as an executive officer of the Company and its affiliates. The following table sets forth certain information regarding compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and certain other executive officers of the Company as determined under SEC rules (collectively, the "Named Executives"). Virtually all of Mr. Bielen's, Ms. Johnson's and Ms. Long's total compensation, and a significant percentage of Mr. Johns', Mr. Corsi's and Mr. Thigpen's total compensation, was attributable to services performed for or on behalf of the Company and its subsidiaries. Additional information called for by this item is incorporated by reference to "Executive Compensation" in the Protective Life Corporation definitive proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of Share Owners to be held May 5, 2008.

## Summary Compensation Table

| Name and principal position with PLC (a)  | Year<br>(b) | Salary<br>(\$)<br>(c) | Bonus<br>(\$)<br>(d) | Stock<br>awards<br>(\$)<br>(e) <sup>(6)</sup> | SAR<br>awards<br>(\$)<br>(f) <sup>(6)</sup> | Non-equity<br>incentive<br>plan<br>compensation<br>(\$)<br>(g) | Change in pension<br>value &<br>nonqualified deferred<br>compensation earnings<br>(\$)<br>(h) | All other<br>compensation<br>(\$)<br>(i) | Total<br>(\$)<br>(j) |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---|---|--|---|--|----------------------|
|   |             |                       |                      |   |   |  |   |  |                      |
| <b>John D. Johns</b><br>Chairman of Board, President &<br>Chief Executive Officer<br>(principal executive officer)    | 2007        | \$ 820,833            | —                    | \$ 961,279                                    | \$ 487,631                                  | \$ 1,105,500   | \$ 130,821  | \$ 365,698                               | \$ 3,871,762         |
|   | 2006        | \$ 791,667            | —                    | \$ (94,436)                                   | \$ 725,610                                  | \$ 0   | \$ 626,392  | \$ 284,470                               | \$ 2,333,704         |
| <b>Richard J. Bielen<sup>(1)</sup></b><br>Vice Chairman &<br>Chief Financial Officer<br>(principal financial officer) | 2007        | \$ 417,500            | —                    | \$ 298,178                                    | \$ 220,041                                  | \$ 370,200   | \$ 0  | \$ 32,333                                | \$ 1,338,252         |
|   | 2006        | \$ 395,833            | —                    | \$ 2,112                                      | \$ 139,103                                  | \$ 0   | \$ 140,715  | \$ 29,183                                | \$ 706,946           |
| <b>Gary Corsi<sup>(2)</sup></b><br>Executive Vice President &<br>Chief Financial Officer                              | 2007        | \$ 205,000            | —                    | \$ 551,544                                    | \$ 427,183                                  | \$ 0   | \$ 0  | \$ 1,156,565                             | \$ 2,340,292         |
|   | 2006        | \$ 108,334            | \$ 240,000           | \$ 157,191                                    | \$ 50,273                                   | \$ 0   | \$ 0  | \$ 500,000                               | \$ 1,055,798         |
| <b>Carolyn M. Johnson<sup>(3)</sup></b><br>Executive Vice President & Chief<br>Operating Officer                      | 2007        | \$ 347,708            | \$ 104,300           | \$ 180,509                                    | \$ 32,806                                   | \$ 196,000   | \$ 12,861   | \$ 15,000                                | \$ 889,184           |
| <b>Deborah J. Long<sup>(4)</sup></b><br>Executive Vice President, Secretary,<br>and General Counsel                   | 2007        | \$ 377,500            | —                    | \$ 184,250                                    | \$ 59,143                                   | \$ 280,100   | —   | \$ 35,676                                | \$ 936,669           |
|   | 2006        | \$ 359,167            | —                    | \$ (10,295)                                   | \$ 54,337                                   | \$ 0   | \$ 161,936  | \$ 35,914                                | \$ 601,059           |
| <b>Carl S. Thigpen<sup>(5)</sup></b><br>Executive Vice President & Chief<br>Investment Officer                        | 2007        | \$ 360,833            | —                    | \$ 130,608                                    | \$ 168,457                                  | \$ 302,100   | \$ 16,670   | \$ 32,617                                | \$ 1,011,285         |

- (1) Mr. Bielen was promoted from Senior Vice President to Executive Vice President on August 31, 2006, and was promoted from Executive Vice President, Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer to Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer on June 1, 2007.
- (2) Mr. Corsi resigned as an officer on June 1, 2007, and as an employee on June 30, 2007.
- (3) Ms. Johnson was promoted from Senior Vice President and Chief Operations and Technology Officer to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer on June 1, 2007.
- (4) Mr. Long was promoted from Senior Vice President to Executive Vice President on March 5, 2007.
- (5) Mr. Thigpen was promoted from Senior Vice President to Executive Vice President on March 5, 2007, and from Chief Mortgage and Real Estate Officer to Chief Investment Officer on June 1, 2007.
- (6) These numbers show the amount realized for financial reporting purposes with respect to 2007 and 2006, respectively, as calculated in accordance with the proxy statement disclosure rules and Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 123(R), *Share-Based Payment*. The assumptions we used under SFAS No. 123(R) for 2006 were: for performance share awards, stock prices of \$26.51 for the 2003 awards, \$36.94 for the 2004 awards, \$41.05 for the 2005 awards, and \$48.60 (\$45.70 for Mr. Corsi's awards) for the 2006 awards, and expected performance share payouts of 67% or 76% for the 2006 awards, and expected performance share payouts of 67% or 76% (depending on the terms of the award); for restricted stock unit awards, a stock price of \$45.70; for 2003 SAR awards, expected volatility of 25%, a risk-free interest rate of 3.1%, a dividend rate of 2.1%, and an expected exercise date of 2009; for 2005 SAR awards, expected volatility of 24.1% to 31.9%, a risk-free interest rate of 4.1% to 4.3%, a dividend rate of 2.0%, and an expected exercise date of 2010 to 2014; for 2006 SAR awards, expected volatility of 15.5% to 32.5%, a risk-free interest rate of 4.6% to 5.0%, a dividend rate of 1.7%, and an expected exercise date of 2011 to 2015; and a 0% forfeiture rate for all awards. The assumptions we used under SFAS No. 123(R) for 2007 were: for performance share awards, the same stock prices for the 2004, 2005 and 2006 awards, and \$43.46 for the 2007 awards (\$48.05 for the performance share award to Ms. Johnson in June 2007), and expected performance share payouts of 56% to 77% (depending on the terms of the awards); for restricted stock units, the same stock price for the 2006 awards, and a stock price of \$43.46 for the 2007 awards; for stock appreciation rights, the same volatility, risk-free interest rates, dividend rates and expected exercise dates for the 2005 and 2006 SAR awards, and for 2007 SAR awards, expected volatility of 16.2% to 31.0%, a risk-free interest rate of 4.5% to 4.6%, a dividend rate of 2.0%, and an expected exercise date of 2012 to 2015; and a 0% forfeiture rate for all awards.

Item (i) in the Table includes the following:

**All Other Compensation Table**

| Name    | 401(k)<br>matching | Nonqualified deferred<br>compensation<br>plan contributions | Dividend<br>equivalents | Financial<br>planning<br>program | Other<br>perquisites | Severance<br>benefits |
|---------|--------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Johns   | \$ 8,800\$         | 82,867\$  | 263,256\$               | 7,646\$                          | 3,129\$              | —                     |
| Bielen  | \$ 8,800\$         | 23,533\$  | —\$                     | —\$                              | —\$                  | —                     |
| Corsi   | \$ —\$             | 4,339\$   | —\$                     | —\$                              | —\$                  | 1,152,226             |
| Johnson | \$ 8,800\$         | 6,200\$   | —\$                     | —\$                              | —\$                  | —                     |
| Long    | \$ 8,800\$         | 18,767\$  | —\$                     | 6,994\$                          | 1,115\$              | —                     |
| Thigpen | \$ 8,800\$         | 14,089\$  | —\$                     | 9,728\$                          | —\$                  | —                     |

PLC has established a Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan for Officers (the "Officers' Plan") whereby eligible officers may voluntarily elect to defer until a specified date up to 94% of their Annual Incentive Plan ("AIP") bonuses, all or a portion of common stock compensation, and up to 25% of base salary. Cash amounts may be deferred into a common stock equivalent or in several mutual fund equivalents. Stock compensation may only be deferred as common stock equivalents. Amounts deferred into the mutual fund equivalents are payable in cash. Amounts deferred as common stock equivalents are payable as shares of common stock. Both the AIP and the long-term incentive plans pursuant to which PLC Common Stock compensation is paid have been previously approved by the share-owners of PLC.

Certain independent regional sales managers and other insurance representatives may elect to defer a specified date all or any portion of their commissions and other compensation from the Company under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Sales Managers, Agents, and Representatives. A regional sales manager may elect for deferrals to be treated as invested in mutual fund equivalents. A regional sales manager who elects to defer a special supplemental bonus will be allocated a matching contribution into the mutual fund equivalents. Amounts deferred into the mutual fund equivalents are payable in cash. Certain amounts deferred before January 1, 2006 as common stock equivalents are payable as shares of PLC Common Stock.

The following table sets forth information regarding the stock and SAR awards shown in columns (e) and (f) of the Summary Compensation Table and the AIP incentive opportunities granted for 2007 (which were payable in March 2008 and are shown in column (g) of the Summary Compensation Table.)

### Grants of Plan -Based Awards Table

| Name<br>(a) | Grant Date<br>(b) | Estimated Future Payouts Under<br>Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards |                       |                        | Estimated Future Payouts of Shares<br>Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards |                      |                       | All other<br>stock<br>awards:<br>number of shares<br>of stock<br>or units<br>(#)<br>(i) | All other<br>SAR<br>awards:<br>number of<br>securities<br>underlying<br>SARs<br>(#)<br>(j) | Base<br>price of<br>SAR<br>awards<br>(\$/Sh)<br>(k) | Grant date<br>fair value<br>of stock<br>and SAR<br>awards<br>(l) <sup>(3)</sup> |
|-------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|---|--|---|---|
|             |                   | Threshold<br>(\$)<br>(c)   | Target<br>(\$)<br>(d) | Maximum<br>(\$)<br>(e) | Threshold<br>(#)<br>(f)  | Target<br>(#)<br>(g) | Maximum<br>(#)<br>(h) |   |  |   |   |
| Johns       | 3/5/07            | \$ 272,250   | \$ 825,000            | \$ 1,650,000           |  |                      |                       |   |  |   |   |
|             | 3/5/07            |  |                       |                        | 13,700   | 27,400               | 54,800                |   |  |   | \$ 666,850  |
|             | 3/5/07            |  |                       |                        |  |                      |                       |   | 60,400   | \$ 43.46\$  | \$ 666,061  |
| Bielen      | 3/5/07            | \$ 91,163  | \$ 276,250            | \$ 552,500             |  |                      |                       |   |  |   |   |
|             | 3/5/07            |  |                       |                        | 3,700  | 7,400                | 14,800                |   |  |   | \$ 180,098  |
|             | 3/5/07            |  |                       |                        |  |                      |                       | 4,000   |  |   | \$ 173,840  |
| Corsi       | 3/5/07            | \$ 90,090(1)   | \$ 273,000(1)         | \$ 546,000(1)          |  |                      |                       |   |  |   | \$ 179,748  |
|             | 3/5/07            |  |                       |                        | 3,700(2)   | 7,400(2)             | 14,800(2)             |   |  |   | \$ 180,098  |
|             | 3/5/07            |  |                       |                        |  |                      |                       |   | 16,300(2)  | \$ 43.46\$  | \$ 179,748  |
| Johnson     | 6/28/07           | \$ 68,970  | \$ 209,000            | \$ 418,000             |  |                      |                       |   |  |   |   |
|             | 3/5/07            |  |                       |                        | 950  | 1,900                | 3,800                 |   |  |   | \$ 46,241   |
|             | 6/28/07           |  |                       |                        | 750  | 1,400                | 2,800                 |   |  |   | \$ 37,671   |
|             | 3/5/07            |  |                       |                        |  |                      |                       | 2,000   |  |   | \$ 86,920   |
|             | 6/28/07           |  |                       |                        |  |                      |                       |   | 4,100  | \$ 43.46\$  | \$ 45,213   |
| Long        | 3/5/07            | \$ 68,970  | \$ 209,000            | \$ 418,000             |  |                      |                       |   |  |   | \$ 34,673   |
|             | 3/5/07            |  |                       |                        | 1,650  | 3,300                | 6,600                 |   |  |   | \$ 80,314   |
|             | 3/5/07            |  |                       |                        |  |                      |                       | 3,000   |  |   | \$ 130,380  |
| Thigpen     | 3/5/07            | \$ 68,970  | \$ 209,000            | \$ 418,000             |  |                      |                       |   |  |   | \$ 81,603   |
|             | 3/5/07            |  |                       |                        | 1,650  | 3,300                | 6,600                 |   |  |   | \$ 80,314   |
|             | 3/5/07            |  |                       |                        |  |                      |                       | 2,000   |  |   | \$ 86,920   |
|             | 3/5/07            |  |                       |                        |  |                      |                       |   | 7,400  | \$ 43.46\$  | \$ 81,603   |

(1) This award was forfeited when Mr. Corsi resigned as an employee on June 30, 2007.

(2) A portion of this award was forfeited when Mr. Corsi resigned as an employee on June 30, 2007.

(3) These numbers show the fair value, as of the date of the grant, of awards made in 2007. These numbers were calculated in accordance with the proxy statement disclosure rules and Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 123(R), *Share-Based Payment*. The assumptions we used under SFAS No. 123(R) are: for performance share awards, a stock price of \$43.46 (\$48.05 for Ms. Johnson's June 2007 award), and expected performance share payout of 56%; for restricted stock unit awards, a stock price of \$43.46; and for SAR awards, expected volatility of 16.2% to 31.0%, a risk-free interest rate of 4.5% to 4.6%, a dividend rate of 2.0%, and an expected exercise date of 2012 to 2015; and a 0% forfeiture rate for all awards.

The following table has information about the Named Executives' outstanding equity awards at December 31, 2007.

**Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End Table**

| Name<br>(a) | SAR Awards  |  |                            |                            | Stock Awards  |  |   |  |
|-------------|---|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---|--|
|             | Number of securities underlying unexercised SARs exercisable (#)<br>(b) | Number of securities underlying unexercised SARs unexercisable (#)<br>(c)(1) | SAR base price (\$)<br>(d) | SAR expiration date<br>(e) | Number of shares or units of stock that have not vested (#)<br>(f)(7) | Market value of shares or units of stock that have not vested (\$)<br>(g)(8) | Equity incentive plan awards: number of unearned shares, units or other rights that have not vested (#)<br>(h)(9) | Equity incentive plan awards: market or payout value of unearned shares, units or other rights that have not vested (\$)<br>(i)(8) |
| Johns       | 166,302   | —  | \$ 22.31                   | 3/6/2010                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | 300,000   | —  | \$ 32.00                   | 3/4/2012                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | 11,600  | 11,600(2)  | \$ 41.05                   | 3/4/2015                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | 6,325   | 18,975(3)  | \$ 48.60                   | 3/3/2016                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | —   | 60,400(4)  | \$ 43.46                   | 3/5/2017                   |   |  |   |  |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   | 29,800(10)   | \$ 1,222,396  |  |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   | 32,500(11)   | \$ 1,333,150  |  |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   | 27,400(12)   | \$ 1,123,948  |  |
| Bielen      | 17,317  | —  | \$ 22.31                   | 3/6/2010                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | 15,000  | —  | \$ 32.00                   | 3/4/2012                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | —   | 50,000(5)  | \$ 26.49                   | 3/3/2013                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | 2,350   | 2,350(2)   | \$ 41.05                   | 3/4/2015                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | 1,400   | 4,200(3)   | \$ 48.60                   | 3/3/2016                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | —   | 16,300(4)  | \$ 43.46                   | 3/5/2017                   |   |  |   |  |
|             |   |  |                            |                            | 4,061\$   | 165,582  |   |  |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   |  | 6,100(10)   | \$ 250,222   |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   |  | 7,200(11)   | \$ 295,344   |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   |  | 7,400(12)   | \$ 303,548   |
| Corsi       | 35,070  | —  | \$ 45.70                   | 6/10/2010                  |   |  |   |  |
|             | 4,075   | —  | \$ 43.46                   | 6/30/2010                  |   |  |   |  |
| Johnson     | —   | 4,100(4)   | \$ 43.46                   | 3/5/2017                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | —   | 3,000(6)   | \$ 48.05                   | 6/28/2017                  |   |  |   |  |
|             |   |  |                            |                            | 2,030\$   | 83,271   |   |  |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   |  | 2,360(10)   | \$ 96,808  |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   |  | 2,430(11)   | \$ 99,679  |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   |  | 1,900(12)   | \$ 77,938  |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   |  | 1,400(12)   | \$ 57,428  |
| Long        | 17,962  | —  | \$ 22.31                   | 3/6/2010                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | 15,000  | —  | \$ 32.00                   | 3/4/2012                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | 1,400   | 1,400(2)   | \$ 41.05                   | 3/4/2015                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | 750   | 2,250(3)   | \$ 48.60                   | 3/3/2016                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | —   | 7,400(4)   | \$ 43.46                   | 3/5/2017                   |   |  |   |  |
|             |   |  |                            |                            | 3,045\$   | 124,906  |   |  |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   |  | 3,700(10)   | \$ 151,774   |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   |  | 3,800(11)   | \$ 155,876   |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   |  | 3,300(12)   | \$ 135,366   |
| Thigpen     | 15,000  | —  | \$ 32.00                   | 3/4/2012                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | —   | 35,000(13)   | \$ 41.05                   | 3/4/2015                   |   |  |   |  |
|             | —   | 7,400(4)   | \$ 43.46                   | 3/5/2017                   |   |  |   |  |
|             |   |  |                            |                            | 2,030\$   | 83,271   |   |  |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   |  | 2,610(10)   | \$ 107,062   |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   |  | 2,720(11)   | \$ 111,574   |
|             |   |  |                            |                            |   |  | 3,300(12)   | \$ 135,366   |

- (1) The regular SAR exercise schedules are shown in the following footnotes. In addition, the SARs become exercisable if the officer's employment ends due to death, disability or retirement, in which case the SARs remain exercisable for 3 years (but not past the expiration date shown for those SARs). If employment terminates for any other reason, any unexercised SARs are immediately cancelled. The Committee may make the exercise date of SARs earlier, or give a SAR recipient additional time to exercise (but not later than the expiration date shown for those SARs), if it believes such an action is appropriate.
- (2) These SARs become exercisable in 2 equal annual installments, beginning March 4, 2008.
- (3) These SARs become exercisable in 3 equal annual installments, beginning March 3, 2008.
- (4) These SARs become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments, beginning March 5, 2008.
- (5) These SARs become exercisable on March 3, 2008.
- (6) These SARs become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments, beginning June 28, 2008.
- (7) Represents unvested restricted stock units. The RSUs will vest as follows:
  - one-fourth of the RSUs will vest on March 5, 2008,
  - one-third of the remaining unvested RSUs on March 5, 2009 will vest on that date,
  - one-half of the remaining unvested RSUs on March 5, 2010 will vest on that date, and
  - the remainder of the unvested RSUs will vest on March 5, 2011.

The restricted stock units will also vest if employment ends due to death, disability, retirement at age 65, or early retirement (at our request or with our consent). Any unvested RSUs will be forfeited if employment ends for other reasons.

- (8) Based on an assumed stock price of \$41.02 per share, which was our closing stock price on December 31, 2007.
- (9) The actual number of shares earned will probably be different from these estimates. The performance level that we used for these estimates is based on the proxy statement disclosure rules. Payment of shares of common stock for a performance award is made in May or June of the year after the last year of the 4-year performance period. If a performance share recipient's employment ends due to death, disability, retirement at age 65, or early retirement (at our request or with our consent), the performance shares will be paid out based on performance as of the end of the previous year. The amount paid out would be reduced to reflect the number of months remaining between the date employment terminated and the end of the 4-year award period. The Committee may also pay out performance shares using this formula if a recipient's employment ends due to the sale of a business unit or a major reduction of our workforce.
- (10) Represents unvested and unearned performance shares for the 2005-2008 performance period, based on the assumption that the threshold performance goal for the grant (and 100% payout) will be achieved.
- (11) Represents unvested and unearned performance shares for the 2006-2009 performance period, based on the assumption that the target performance goal for the grant (and 100% payout) will be achieved.
- (12) Represents unvested and unearned performance shares for the 2007-2010 performance period, based on the assumption that the target performance goal for the grant (and 100% payout) will be achieved.
- (13) These SARs become exercisable on March 4, 2010.

The following table has presents an estimate of the performance shares earned by the Named Executives for the 4-year performance period ending December 31, 2007 and payable in 2008 and, for Mr. Corsi, the performance shares and restricted stock units that were paid to him upon the termination of his employment. None of the Named Executives exercised SARs in 2007.

#### SAR Exercises and Stock Vested Table

| Name<br>(a) | Stock Awards  |  |
|-------------|---|--|
|             | Number<br>of shares<br>acquired on<br>vesting<br>(#)<br>(b) | Value<br>realized on<br>vesting<br>(\$)<br>(c) |
| Johns       | 26,524  | \$ 1,088,014                                   |
| Bielen      | 4,864   | \$ 199,521                                     |
| Corsi       | 17,364  | \$ 855,698                                     |
| Johnson     | 1,976   | \$ 81,056                                      |
| Long        | 3,268   | \$ 134,053                                     |
| Thigpen     | 1,984   | \$ 81,384                                      |

## Post-Employment Benefits

**Retirement Benefits.** The following table has information about benefits payable to the Named Executives under PLC's Pension Plan upon their retirement. The table also reflects the Excess Benefit Plan that PLC has established to provide retirement benefits over the Internal Revenue Code limitations. Benefits in the table are not reduced by social security or other offset amounts.

### Pension Benefits Table

| Name<br>(a) | Plan name<br>(b) | Number<br>of years<br>credited<br>service<br>(#)(1)<br>(c) | Present<br>value of<br>accumulated<br>benefit<br>\$(2)<br>(d) |
|-------------|------------------|--|---|
| Johns       | Pension          | 14\$   | 267,196   |
|             | Excess Benefit   | 14\$   | 2,618,972   |
| Bielen      | Pension          | 17\$   | 184,989   |
|             | Excess Benefit   | 17\$   | 489,679   |
| Corsi       | Pension          | 0\$  | —   |
|             | Excess Benefit   | 0\$  | —   |
| Johnson     | Pension          | 3\$  | 30,565  |
|             | Excess Benefit   | 3\$  | 33,059  |
| Long        | Pension          | 14\$   | 234,971   |
|             | Excess Benefit   | 14\$   | 425,949   |
| Thigpen     | Pension          | 24\$   | 324,374   |
|             | Excess Benefit   | 24\$   | 509,189   |

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- (1) The number of years of service that are used to calculate the executive's benefit under this plan, as of December 31, 2007.
- (2) The actuarial present value of the executive's benefit under each plan as of December 31, 2007. The valuation method and material assumptions that we used to calculate these amounts are discussed in Note 13 of the footnotes to our 2007 financial statements.

**Deferred Compensation.** This table has information about the Named Executives' participation in PLC's nonqualified deferred compensation plan in 2007.

**Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Table**

| Name<br>(a) | Executive contributions in last FY<br>(\$)<br>(b) (1) | Registrant contributions in last FY<br>(\$)<br>(c) (2) | Aggregate earnings in last FY<br>(\$)<br>(d) | Aggregate withdrawals/distributions<br>(\$)<br>(e) (3) | Aggregate balance at last FYE<br>(\$)<br>(f) (3) |
|-------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Johns       | \$ 1,603,708  | \$ 82,867  | \$ (1,911,468)                               | \$ —   | \$ 12,942,429                                    |
| Bielen      | \$ 223,641  | \$ 23,533  | \$ (268,637)                                 | \$ —   | \$ 2,094,351                                     |
| Corsi       | \$ 9,630  | \$ 4,333   | \$ 10,485                                    | \$ 516,858   | \$ 17,528  |
| Johnson     | \$ —  | \$ 6,200   | \$ (212)                                     | \$ —   | \$ 5,989   |
| Long        | \$ —  | \$ 18,767  | \$ (277,939)                                 | \$ —   | \$ 2,145,178                                     |
| Thigpen     | \$ 273,444  | \$ 14,089  | \$ (20,114)                                  | \$ —   | \$ 421,141                                       |

(1) These amounts include the following amounts that are also included in column (c) (Salary) of the Summary Compensation Table as compensation paid to the officer in 2007:

- Johns – \$33,125
- Bielen – \$16,659
- Corsi – \$9,630

For Mr. Thigpen, these amounts include \$138,125 that is also included in column (g) (Non-equity incentive plan compensation) of the Summary Compensation Table as compensation paid to him in 2007. The remainder of these amounts is the value of performance shares earned for the 2003-2006 performance period and paid to the Named Executive in May 2007. These amounts were compensation for 2006, and were reported (on an estimated basis) for Messrs. Johns and Bielen in PLC's 2007 proxy statement.

(2) These contributions are also reported in column (i) (All other compensation) of the Summary Compensation Table.

(3) These amounts include the following amounts that have been reported as compensation to the officer in previous PLC proxy statements:

- Johns – \$11,550,863
- Bielen – \$1,469,326
- Corsi – \$504,167
- Long – \$1,576,820

**Employment Continuation Agreements.** PLC has Employment Continuation Agreements with each of the Named Executives. These agreements provide for certain benefits if the executive's employment is actually or constructively terminated (by means of a reduction in duties or compensation) following certain events constituting a change in control." These benefits include (a) a payment equal to three times the sum of (1) the executive's annual base salary in effect at the time of the change in control, (2) the average Annual Incentive Plan bonus paid to the executive for the three years before the change in control, and (3) the average value over the last three years of the performance shares, stock appreciation rights, and other long-term incentives granted to the executive (excluding special or "one time" grants); (b) payment of an amount equal to the executive's target bonus opportunity under the Annual Incentive Plan for the year in which termination of employment occurs; (c) continuation (for up to twenty-four months) in PLC's medical, accident, disability, and life insurance plans as provided to the executive immediately before termination of employment; (d) payment of an amount equal in value to the increased benefits under the Pension Plan and the Excess Benefit Plan resulting from an additional three years of credited service (subject to the Pension Plan's maximum on credited service); and (e) an additional payment, if necessary, to reimburse the executive for any additional tax (other than normal Federal, state and local income taxes) incurred as a result of any benefits received in connection with the change in control.

## Potential Payments upon Change of Control Table

| Name    | Performance shares (1) | Restricted stock units | SARs (1)   | Severance payment | AIP incentive | Supplemental retirement benefit | Medical and other benefits | Excise tax payment | Total         |
|---------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Johns   | \$ 4,318,381           | \$ 0                   | \$ —       | \$ 9,452,503      | \$ 1,105,500  | \$ 765,033                      | \$ 195                     | \$ 5,459,681       | \$ 21,101,263 |
| Bielen  | \$ 985,506             | \$ 166,582             | \$ 726,500 | \$ 3,034,913      | \$ 370,200    | \$ 169,002                      | \$ 20,184                  | \$ 1,708,260       | \$ 7,181,147  |
| Johnson | \$ 380,994             | \$ 83,271              | \$ —       | \$ 2,094,202      | \$ 300,300    | \$ 95,689                       | \$ 14,754                  | \$ 1,100,056       | \$ 4,069,266  |
| Long    | \$ 519,929             | \$ 124,906             | \$ —       | \$ 2,277,280      | \$ 280,100    | \$ 183,102                      | \$ 19,498                  | \$ 1,139,234       | \$ 4,544,049  |
| Thigpen | \$ 408,682             | \$ 83,271              | \$ —       | \$ 2,249,898      | \$ 302,100    | \$ 144,954                      | \$ 20,184                  | \$ 1,169,923       | \$ 4,379,012  |

- (1) Based on an assumed stock price of \$41.02 per share, which was PLC's closing stock price on December 31, 2007, and disregarding that portion of the value of the 2004 performance share award that was actually earned as of December 31, 2007.

### Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

The members of PLC's Compensation and Management Succession Committee during 2007 were Messrs. Day (Chairman), Hamby, and Ritter. No interlocking relationship existed during 2006 between any of these individuals and any officer or employee of PLC or any of its subsidiaries, or has any other relationship with PLC for which the SEC requires disclosure.

### Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

## Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table shows the number of shares of PLC common stock and common stock equivalents beneficially owned as of March 7, 2008 (unless otherwise noted) by each current director, each of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table, all current directors and executive officers of PLC as a group, and persons we believe to beneficially own 5% or more of PLC's common stock.

| Name of Beneficial Owner   | Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership <sup>(1)</sup> |                             | Percent of Class <sup>(1)</sup> |
|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | Sole Power <sup>(2)</sup>                                | Shared Power <sup>(2)</sup> |                                 |
| <b>Management:</b>   |  |                             |                                 |
| Richard J. Bielen  | 75,871 <sup>(3)</sup>                                    | —                           | *                               |
| Gary Corsi   | 11,135 <sup>(3)</sup>                                    | —                           | *                               |
| H. Corbin Day  | 53,565 <sup>(4)</sup>                                    | 39,000 <sup>(5)</sup>       | *                               |
| James S. M. French   | 21,274 <sup>(4)</sup>                                    | 31,800 <sup>(6)</sup>       | *                               |
| Thomas L. Hamby  | 4,693 <sup>(4)</sup>                                     | —                           | *                               |
| John D. Johns  | 328,333 <sup>(3)</sup>                                   | 4,200                       | *                               |
| Carolyn M. Johnson   | 6,570 <sup>(3)</sup>                                     | —                           | *                               |
| Vanessa Leonard  | 3,362 <sup>(4)</sup>                                     | —                           | *                               |
| Deborah J. Long  | 57,226 <sup>(3)</sup>                                    | —                           | *                               |
| Charles D. McCrary   | 4,990 <sup>(4)</sup>                                     | —                           | *                               |
| John J. McMahan, Jr.   | 29,076 <sup>(4)</sup>                                    | 77,938                      | *                               |
| Malcolm Portera  | 10,365 <sup>(4)</sup>                                    | —                           | *                               |
| C. Dowd Ritter   | 2,225  | — <sup>(7)</sup>            | *                               |
| William A. Terry   | 8,492 <sup>(4)</sup>                                     | —                           | *                               |
| Carl. S. Thigpen   | 22,799 <sup>(3)</sup>                                    | —                           | *                               |
| W. Michael Warren, Jr.   | 12,929 <sup>(4)</sup>                                    | 1,357                       | *                               |
| Vanessa Wilson   | 1,267  | —                           | *                               |
| All current directors and executive officers as a group (22 persons) | 739,685 <sup>(3)(4)</sup>                                | 154,295                     | 1.3%                            |
| <b>5% or More Beneficial Owners:</b>                                 |  |                             |                                 |
| Barclays Global Investors, NA  | 5,283,412 <sup>(8)</sup>                                 | —                           | 7.5%                            |
| EARNEST Partners, LLC  | 4,956,843 <sup>(9)</sup>                                 | —                           | 7.1%                            |
| Regions Financial Corporation  | 3,709,030 <sup>(10)</sup>                                | —                           | 5.3%                            |
| Janus Capital Management LLC   | 3,683,456 <sup>(11)</sup>                                | —                           | 5.2%                            |

\* less than 1%

- (1) The number of shares reported includes shares that are deemed to be beneficially owned under SEC regulations. Under these regulations, a person is generally deemed to beneficially own shares as to which such person holds or shares, directly or indirectly, through any contract, relationship, arrangement, understanding or otherwise, either voting power or investment power. The total number of shares beneficially owned is subdivided, where applicable, into two categories: shares as to which voting/investment power is held solely and shares as to which voting/investment power is shared. The percentage calculation is based on the aggregate number of shares beneficially owned and on 70,227,995 shares of common stock outstanding on March 7, 2008.
- (2) This column may include shares held in the name of a spouse, minor children, or certain other relatives sharing the same home as the director or officer, or held by the director or officer (or the spouse of the director or officer) as a trustee or as a custodian for children. Unless otherwise noted below, the directors and officers disclaim beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (3) Includes the following number of shares allocated to accounts under PLC's 401(k) and Stock Ownership Plan as follows: Mr. Bielen – 15,629; Mr. Corsi – 120; Mr. Johns – 10,342; Ms. Johnson – 573; Ms. Long – 3,674; Mr. Thigpen – 8,172; and all current directors and executive officers as a group – 54,059.

Includes the following number of stock equivalents held under PLC's Deferred Compensation Plan for Officers, as follows: Mr. Bielen – 48,328; Mr. Corsi – 15; Mr. Johns – 304,025; Ms. Johnson – 67; Ms. Long – 50,507; Mr. Thigpen – 5,750; and all current directors and executive officers as a group – 462,347. Each stock equivalent entitles the participant to receive, upon distribution, one share of common stock.

Does not include the following number of stock appreciation rights: Mr. Bielen – 129,917; Mr. Corsi – 51,370; Mr. Johns – 657,098; Ms. Johnson – 20,400; Ms. Long – 55,662; Mr. Thigpen – 70,700; and all current directors and executive officers as a group – 1,080,250.

Does not include the following number of restricted stock units: Mr. Bielen – 4,084; Mr. Corsi – 6,589; Ms. Johnson – 5,942; Ms. Long – 3,063; Mr. Thigpen – 2,042; and all current directors and executive officers as a group – 32,536.

- (4) Includes the following number of stock equivalents held by certain directors under PLC's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors Who Are Not Employees of Protective, as follows: Mr. Day – 16,565; Mr. French – 19,774; Mr. Hamby – 4,529; Ms. Leonard – 3,287; Mr. McCrary – 4,890; Mr. McMahon – 29,076; Dr. Portera – 10,265; Mr. Ritter – 0; Mr. Terry – 7,992; Mr. Warren – 12,629; Ms. Wilson – 0; and all current directors and executive officers as a group – 109,007. Each stock equivalent entitles the participant to receive, upon distribution, one share of common stock.
- (5) Includes 5,000 shares of common stock owned by the Day Family Foundation, of which Mr. Day is a trustee, and 34,000 shares of common stock owned by Jemison Investment Co., Inc., of which Mr. Day is Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- (6) Includes 30,000 shares of common stock owned by Dunn Investment Company, of which Mr. French is Vice Chairman, Investments.
- (7) Does not include shares held by Regions Financial Corporation and Regions Bank, of which Mr. Ritter is President, Chief Executive Officer and a director. Mr. Ritter disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (8) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on January 30, 2008. As of December 31, 2007, Barclays Global Investors, NA (a bank) and its affiliates may be deemed the beneficial owner of 2,641,706 shares of common stock as follows. Barclays Global Investors, NA (a bank) may be deemed the beneficial owner of 1,551,372 shares of common stock: it has sole voting power for 1,229,286 shares, sole investment power for 1,551,372 shares, and no shared voting or investment power. Barclays Global Fund Advisors (an investment adviser) may be deemed the beneficial owner of 957,061 shares of common stock: it has sole voting power for 957,061 shares, sole investment power for 957,061 shares, and no shared voting or investment power. Barclays Global Investors, Ltd (a bank) may be deemed the beneficial owner of 121,617 shares of common stock: it has sole voting power for 120,198 shares, sole investment power for 121,617 shares, and no shared voting or investment power. Barclays Global Investors Japan Limited (an investment adviser) may be deemed the beneficial owner of 11,656 shares of common stock: it has sole voting power for 11,656 shares, sole investment power for 11,656 shares, and no shared voting or investment power. The shares reported are held in trust accounts for the economic benefit of the beneficiaries of those accounts. The addresses of the filers are (a) Barclays Global Investors, NA and Barclays Global Fund Advisors – 45 Fremont Street, San Francisco, California 94105; (b) Barclays Global Investors, Ltd – Murray House, 1 Royal Mint Court, London, England EC3N 4HH; and (c) Barclays Global Investors Japan Limited – Ebisu Prime Square Tower, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1-1-39 Hiroo Shibuya-Ku, Tokyo 150-8402, Japan.
- (9) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on January 31, 2008. As of December 31, 2007, EARNEST Partners, LLC (an investment adviser), may be deemed the beneficial owner of 4,956,843 shares of common stock: it has sole voting power for 2,128,843 shares, shared voting power for 1,390,725 shares, sole investment power for 4,956,843 shares, and no shared investment power. No client interest relates to more than 5% of the outstanding shares of common stock. The address of EARNEST Partners, LLC is 1180 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 2300, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.
- (10) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2008. As of December 31, 2007, Regions Financial Corporation (in its capacity as a bank holding company), may be deemed the beneficial owner of 3,709,030 shares of common stock: it has no sole voting or investment power, but has shared voting power for 3,202,832 shares and shared investment power for 3,441,155 shares. As of December 31, 2007, Regions Bank (in its capacity as a bank fiduciary of various trusts and estates) may be deemed the beneficial owner of 3,709,030 shares of common stock: it has sole voting power for 3,202,832 shares, no shared voting power, sole investment power for 1,060,323 shares, and shared investment power for 2,380,832 shares. All of the shares are held by trusts and estates of which Regions Financial Corporation's subsidiary, Regions Bank, is a fiduciary. No single one of these trusts and estates holds as much as five percent of the class. The address of Regions Financial Corporation and Regions Bank is 1900 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.
- (11) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2008. As of December 31, 2007, Janus Capital Management LLC ("Janus"), an investment adviser, may be deemed the beneficial owner of 3,683,456 shares of common stock: it has sole voting power for 3,683,456 shares, no shared voting power, sole investment power for 3,683,456 and no shared investment power. The address of Janus Capital Management LLC is 151 Detroit Street, Denver, Colorado 80206.

Perkins, Wolf, McDonnell and Company, LLC, an investment adviser, and a minority holder of Janus may be deemed the beneficial owner of 3,681,141 shares of common stock: it has sole voting power for 29,939 shares, shared voting power of 3,681,141 shares, sole investment power for 29,939 and shared investment power of 3,681,141. No client interest relates to more than 5% of the outstanding shares of common stock. The address of Mac-Per-Wolf Company is 311 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 6000, Chicago, IL 60606.

### **Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence**

Based on the information available to the Company's General Counsel's Office and to the Board, there have been no transactions between the Company and any related party since January 1, 2007, nor are any currently proposed, for which disclosure is required under the SEC rules.

The current members of the Company's Board of Directors are John D. Johns, Richard S. Bielen and Carolyn M. Johnson, each of whom is an employee of the Company or Protective Life Corporation.

#### Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The following table shows the aggregate fees billed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for 2007 and 2006 with respect to various services provided to PLC and its subsidiaries.

|                    | 2007             | 2006          |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
|                    | (\$ In Millions) |               |
| Audit Fees         | \$ 5.0           | \$ 4.8        |
| Audit Related Fees | 0.6              | 0.3           |
| Tax Fees           | 0.7              | 0.7           |
| All Other Fees     | —                | —             |
| Total              | <u>\$ 6.3</u>    | <u>\$ 5.8</u> |

*Audit Fees* were for professional services rendered for the audits of the consolidated financial statements of PLC, including the attestation report on management's assessment of PLC's internal control over financial reporting, statutory audits of subsidiaries, issuance of comfort letters and consents, and assistance with review of documents filed with the SEC and other regulatory authorities.

*Audit-Related Fees* were for assurance and related services related to employee benefit plan audits, due diligence and accounting consultations in connection with acquisitions, attest services that are not required by statute or regulation, and consultations concerning financial accounting and reporting standards.

*Tax Fees* were for services related to tax compliance (including the preparation of tax returns and claims for refund), tax planning and tax advice, including assistance with tax audits and appeals, advice related to acquisitions, tax services for employee benefit plans, and requests for rulings or technical advice from tax authorities.

*All Other Fees* include fees that are appropriately not included in the Audit, Audit-Related, and Tax categories.

The engagement of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to render audit and non-audit services for PLC and its subsidiaries for the period ended March 2009 was approved by the Audit Committee of PLC's Board of Directors on February 28, 2008. The Audit Committee's policy is to pre-approve, generally for a twelve month period, the audit, audit-related, tax and other services provided by the independent accountants to PLC and its subsidiaries. Under the pre-approval process, the Committee reviews and approves specific services and categories of services and the maximum aggregate fee for each service or service category. Performance of any additional services or categories of services, or of services that would result in fees in excess of the established maximum, requires the separate pre-approval of the Committee or a member of the Committee who has been delegated pre-approval authority.

### PART IV

#### Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

The following documents are filed as part of this report:

1. Financial Statements (Item 8)
2. Financial Statement Schedules (see index annexed)
3. Exhibits:

The exhibits listed in the Exhibit Index on page 161 of this Form 10-K are filed herewith or are

incorporated herein by reference. No management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement is required to be filed as an exhibit to this form. The Company will furnish a copy of any of the exhibits listed upon the payment of \$5.00 per exhibit to cover the cost of the Company in furnishing the exhibit.



**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-2 (File No. 333-123529) and Form S-3 (File No. 333-126757) of Protective Life Insurance Company and its subsidiaries of our report dated March 28, 2008 relating to the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules, which appears in this Form 10-K.

/S/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP  
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Birmingham, Alabama  
March 28, 2008

## EXHIBIT INDEX

| Item<br>Number | Document   |
|----------------|--|
| † 2(a)         | — Stock Purchase Agreement Among Banc One Insurance Holdings, Inc., CBD Holdings Ltd., JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Protective Life Insurance Company dated as of February 7, 2006, filed as Exhibit 2.01 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 13, 2006.   |
| 3(a)           | — 2002 Amended and Restated Charter of Protective Life Insurance Company   |
| 3(b)           | — 2002 Amended and Restated By-Laws of Protective Life Insurance Company   |
| ** 4(a)        | — Group Modified Guaranteed Annuity Contract   |
| *** 4(b)       | — Individual Certificate   |
| ** 4(c)        | — Tax-Sheltered Annuity Endorsement  |
| ** 4(d)        | — Qualified Retirement Plan Endorsement  |
| ** 4(e)        | — Individual Retirement Annuity Endorsement  |
| ** 4(f)        | — Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Endorsement   |
| * 4(g)         | — Qualified Plan Endorsement   |
| ** 4(h)        | — Application for Individual Certificate   |
| ** 4(i)        | — Adoption Agreement for Participation in Group Modified Guaranteed Annuity  |
| *** 4(j)       | — Individual Modified Guaranteed Annuity Contract  |
| ** 4(k)        | — Application for Individual Modified Guaranteed Annuity Contract  |
| ** 4(l)        | — Tax-Sheltered Annuity Endorsement  |
| ** 4(m)        | — Individual Retirement Annuity Endorsement  |
| ** 4(n)        | — Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Endorsement   |
| ** 4(o)        | — Qualified Retirement Plan Endorsement  |
| **** 4(p)      | — Endorsement — Group Policy   |
| **** 4(q)      | — Endorsement — Certificate  |
| **** 4(r)      | — Endorsement — Individual Contract  |
| **** 4(s)      | — Endorsement (Annuity Deposits) — Group Policy  |
| **** 4(t)      | — Endorsement (Annuity Deposits) — Certificate   |
| **** 4(u)      | — Endorsement (Annuity Deposits) — Individual Contracts  |
| ***** 4(v)     | — Endorsement — Individual   |
| ***** 4(w)     | — Endorsement — Group Contract/Certificate   |
| † 4(x)         | — Endorsement — Individual, incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4(EE) to Protective Life Insurance Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed April 4, 1996. (333-02249)  |
| † 4(y)         | — Endorsement — Group Contract, incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4(FF) to Protective Life Insurance Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed April 4, 1996. (333-02249)  |
| † 4(z)         | — Endorsement — Group Certificate, incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4(GG) to Protective Life Insurance Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed April 4, 1996. (333-02249)   |
| † 4(aa)        | — Individual Modified Guaranteed Annuity Contract, incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4(HH) to Protective Life Insurance Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed April 4, 1996. (333-02249)   |
| 4(bb)          | — Application for Modified Guaranteed Annuity  |
| † 4(cc)        | — Cancellation Endorsement, included as an exhibit to item 4(aa) above.  |
| * 10(a)        | — Bond Purchase Agreement  |
| * 10(b)        | — Escrow Agreement   |
| † 10(c)        | — Amended and Restated Credit Agreement among Protective Life Corporation, Protective Life Insurance Company, the several lenders from time to time party thereto, AmSouth Bank and Wachovia Capital Markets LLC, dated as of July 30, 2004, filed as Exhibit 10 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed November 15, 2004. |
| † 10(d)        | — Amended and Restated Lease Agreement dated as of January 11, 2007, between Wachovia Development Corporation (an assignee of Wachovia Capital Investments, Inc.) and Protective Life Insurance Company filed as Exhibit 10(G)(4) to the Company's Form S-1 filed April 23, 2007. (333-142293)   |
| † 10(e)        | — Amended and Restated Investment and Participation Agreement dated as of January 11, 2007, between Protective Life Insurance Company and Wachovia Development Corporation (an assignee of Wachovia Capital Investments, Inc.) filed as Exhibit 10(G)(5) to the Company's Form S-1 filed April 23, 2007. (333-142293)                    |
| † 10(f)        | — Amendment and Clarification of the Tax Allocation Agreement dated January 1, 1988 by and among Protective Life Corporation and its Subsidiaries. Filed as Exhibit 10(h) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10K for the year ended December 31, 2006.   |

- 12 —Consolidated Earnings Ratios
- 24 —Power of Attorney
- 31(a)—Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31(b)—Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32(a)—Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32(b)—Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
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**2002**  
**AMENDED AND RESTATED CHARTER**  
**OF**  
**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

Protective Life Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the Tennessee Business Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following 2002 Amended and Restated Charter of Protective Life Insurance Company:

**NAME**

**1.1** The name of the Corporation shall be Protective Life Insurance Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation").

**PERIOD OF DURATION**

**2.1** The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

**PURPOSES, OBJECTS AND POWERS**

**3.1** The purposes, objects and powers of the Corporation are:

(a) The Corporation is for profit.

(b) To engage in any lawful business, act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the Tennessee Business Corporation Act, it being the purpose and intent of this Section 3.1 to invest the Corporation with the broadest purposes, objects and powers lawfully permitted a corporation formed under the said Act.

(c) To carry on any and all aspects, ordinary or extraordinary, of any lawful business and to enter into and carry out any transaction, ordinary or extraordinary, permitted by law, having and exercising in connection therewith all powers given to corporations by the laws of the State of Tennessee.

(d) Without limiting the scope and generality of the foregoing, the Corporation shall have the following specific purposes, objects and powers:

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(1) To transact the business of life, disability, health and accident insurance and to issue annuities and endowments and every other kind of insurance in such places as may be approved by the Board of Directors subject to applicable regulatory approvals, including without limitation, to transact the business of insuring the lives of individuals and the writing of every kind of insurance pertaining to life, including the granting, selling, purchasing and disposing of annuities and endowments; to accept risks and insure against accidents or sickness; to effect reinsurance; and generally to make all contracts and to do and perform all things whatsoever pertaining to the business of insuring lives and of taking risks against accidents or sickness, or the granting, selling, purchasing and disposing of annuities and endowments; all in a manner not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Tennessee or the provisions hereof.

(2) To have and to exercise any and all of the powers specifically granted in the insurance laws of the State of Tennessee, none of which shall be deemed to be inconsistent with the nature, character or object of the Corporation and none of which are denied to it by this 2002 Amended and Restated Charter, including, without limitation, the power to accept and execute all legal trusts which may be confided to the Corporation.

(3) To acquire, own, manage, operate, improve or deal with and to sell, lease, mortgage, pledge, distribute or otherwise deal in and dispose of property of every kind and wheresoever situated.

(4) To be a promoter or incorporator, to subscribe for, purchase, deal in and dispose of, any stock, bond, obligation or other security, of any person, firm, corporation or governmental unit, and while the owner and holder hereof to exercise all rights of possession and ownership.

(5) To purchase or otherwise acquire (including, without limitation, to purchase its own shares to the extent of unreserved and unrestricted capital surplus available therefor) to the fullest extent permitted by the Tennessee Business Corporation Act, and to sell, pledge or otherwise deal in or dispose of shares of its own stock, bonds, obligations or other securities.

(6) To borrow money from any person, firm, corporation or governmental unit and to secure any debt by mortgage or pledge of any property of the Corporation; to make contracts, guarantees, and indemnity agreements and incur liabilities and issue its notes if not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution of Tennessee as the same may be amended from time to time.

(7) To lend money, extend credit or use its credit to assist any person, firm, corporation or governmental unit, including, without limitation, its employees and directors and those of any subsidiary, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Tennessee Business Corporation Act and the Tennessee Insurance Code.

(8) To guarantee any indebtedness and other obligations of, and to lend its aid and credit to, any person, firm, corporation or governmental unit, and to secure the same by mortgage or pledge of, or security interest in, any property of the Corporation.

(9) To consolidate, merge or otherwise reorganize in any manner permitted by law; to engage in one or more partnerships and joint ventures as general or limited partner.

(10) To carry on its business anywhere in the United States and in foreign countries.

(11) To elect or appoint officers and agents and define their duties and fix their compensation; to pay pensions and establish pension plans, pension trusts, profit sharing plans, stock bonus plans, stock option plans, and other incentive or deferred compensation plans for any or all of its directors, officers and employees.

(12) To make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes; to transact any lawful business which the Board of Directors shall find to be in aid of governmental policy.

All words, phrases and provisions appearing in this Section 3.1 are used in their broadest sense, are not limited by reference to or inference from any other words, phrases or provisions and shall be so construed.

#### **CAPITAL STOCK**

4.1 The Corporation is authorized to issue five million (5,000,000) shares of stock, one dollar (\$1.00) par value per share. All such shares are to be of one class and shall be designated as Common Stock.

4.2 The shareholders of the Corporation shall not have preemptive rights.

#### **REGISTERED AGENT, REGISTERED OFFICE AND OTHER OFFICES**

5.1 C. T. Corporation System shall serve as registered agent. The registered office is located at 530 Gay Street, Knox County, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

5.2 The address of the principal place of business of the Corporation shall be 1620 Westgate Circle, Suite 200, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027-8035 or at such other place within the State of Tennessee as the Board of Directors may determine or at such place as the Board of Directors may determine provided such place complies with applicable law. The Corporation's home office and administrative office address shall be 2801 Highway 280 South, Birmingham, Alabama 35223 or at such other place either within or without the Corporation's State of domicile as the Board of Directors may determine. The Corporation may establish branches and agencies in any other part of the State of Tennessee, in other states or territories of the United States, or in the District of Columbia.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

6.1 The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The number of directors of the Corporation shall be fixed from time to time in the manner provided in the Bylaws, or, in the absence of a bylaw fixing or providing a manner of determining the number of directors, the number of directors shall be determined by the shareholders. The Board of Directors shall consist of at least two (2) or more individuals, with the number specified in or fixed in accordance with the Bylaws, and no

decrease in the number of directors shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director. Any director may be removed in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws and the laws of the State of Tennessee.

**6.2** To the fullest extent permitted by the Tennessee Business Corporation Act as in effect on the date hereof and as hereafter amended from time to time, a director of the Corporation shall not be liable to the Corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. If the Tennessee Business Corporation Act or any successor statute is amended after adoption of this provision to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the Corporation shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Tennessee Business Corporation Act, as so amended from time to time, provided, in no event shall a director be exempt from any obligation imposed by Title 56, Tennessee Code Annotated. Any repeal or modification of this Section 6.2 by the shareholders of the Corporation shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification or with respect to events occurring prior to such time.

**6.3** In addition to the powers and authorities hereinbefore or by statute expressly conferred upon them, the directors are hereby empowered to exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Corporation; subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of the Code of Tennessee, this 2002 Amended and Restated Charter and to any bylaws from time to time adopted; provided, however, that no bylaws so adopted shall invalidate any prior act of the directors which would have been valid if such bylaw had not been adopted.

### **INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

The following provisions for the regulation of the business and for the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation, the directors and the shareholders are hereby adopted:

**7.1** The power to alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws or adopt new bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors and the shareholders, or either of them, which power may be exercised in the manner and to the extent provided in the Bylaws, provided, however, that the Board of Directors may not alter, amend or repeal any bylaw establishing what constitutes a quorum at such shareholders' meetings, or which was adopted by the shareholders and specifically provides that it cannot be altered, amended or repealed by the Board of Directors. The Bylaws may contain any provisions for the regulation of the business and for the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation, the directors and shareholders not inconsistent with this 2002 Amended and Restated Charter.

**7.2** The Corporation reserves the right from time to time to amend, alter or repeal each and every provision contained in this 2002 Amended and Restated Charter, or to add one or more additional provisions, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed or permitted by the Tennessee Insurance Code or the Tennessee Business Corporation Act, and all rights conferred upon shareholders at any time are granted subject to this reservation.

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The foregoing 2002 Amended and Restated Charter supersedes the 1994 Amended and Restated Charter and all amendments thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Protective Life Insurance Company has caused this 2002 Amended and Restated Charter to be executed for it by its President and Chairman of the Board and by its Secretary or Assistant Secretary this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 2002.

**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

BY /s/ John D. Johns  
John D. Johns  
Its President and Chairman of the Board

BY /s/ Jerry M. Hyche  
Its Secretary / Assistant Secretary

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The Department of  
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STATE OF TENNESSEE

By /s/ Assistant Commissioner for Insurance  
Assistant Commissioner for Insurance

**2002 AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS  
OF  
PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
(herein called "the Corporation")**

**ARTICLE I**

**OFFICES**

The principal place of business of the Corporation shall be in Brentwood, Williamson County, Tennessee, or at any such other place within Tennessee as the Board of Directors may determine or at such place as the Board of Directors may determine provided such place complies with applicable law. Its administrative office and home office shall be located in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama, or at such other offices, either within or without the State of its domicile or such other state, as the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may designate.

**ARTICLE II**

**SHAREHOLDERS**

**Section 1. Meetings.** The annual meeting of the shareholders for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting shall be held at such date and time during the first six months of the year as shall be specified by resolution of the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called for any purposes by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee or the chief executive officer.

**Section 2. Place of Meeting.** The place of meeting shall be the administrative office of the Corporation in the State of Alabama unless some other place, either within or without the State of Alabama, is designated by the shareholders.

**Section 3. Notice of Meeting.** Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten, or, in the case it is proposed to increase the stock or bonded indebtedness of the Corporation, not less than thirty nor more than fifty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, the chief executive officer, or the Secretary to each shareholder of record entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the shareholder at the address as it appears on the stock transfer books of the Corporation, with postage thereon prepaid.

**Section 4. Fixing of Record Date.** For the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of shareholders or any adjournment thereof, or shareholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend, or in order to make a determination of shareholders for any other purpose, the Board of Directors of the Corporation may fix in advance a date as the record date for any such determination of shareholders, such date in any case to be not more than fifty days and, in case of a meeting of shareholders, not less than ten days prior to the date on which the particular action, requiring such determination of shareholders, is to be taken. If no record date is fixed for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of shareholders, or shareholders entitled to receive payment of

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a dividend, the date on which notice of the meeting is mailed or the date on which the resolution of the Board of Directors declaring such dividend is adopted, as the case may be, shall be the record date for such determination of shareholders.

**Section 5.** **Proxies.** At all meetings of shareholders a shareholder may vote by proxy executed in writing by the shareholder or by his duly authorized attorney in fact. Such proxy shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation before or at the time of the meeting. No proxy shall be valid after eleven months from the date of its execution, unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

**Section 6.** **Voting of Shares.** Each outstanding share entitled to vote shall be entitled to one vote upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of shareholders.

**Section 7.** **Voting of Shares by Certain Holders.** Shares held by another corporation if a majority of the shares entitled to vote for the election of directors of such other corporation is held by the Corporation shall not be voted at any meeting or counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares at any given time.

Treasury shares and shares of stock held by the Corporation in a fiduciary capacity shall not be voted directly or indirectly, at any meeting, and shall not be counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares at any given time.

**Section 8.** **Informal Action by Shareholders.** Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the shareholders, or any other action which may be taken at a meeting of the shareholders, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the shareholders entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

### ARTICLE III

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1.** **General Powers.** The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** **Number, Tenure and Qualifications.** The number of directors of the Corporation shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the shareholders; provided that the Board shall consist of a range from two (2) natural persons to no more than twenty (20) persons, and that no decrease in the number of directors shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director. Each director shall hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. Directors need not be shareholders or residents of the state of the Corporation's domicile except as otherwise provided by law or by the shareholders of the Corporation.

**Section 3.** **Regular Meetings.** The shareholders may provide, by resolution, the time and place, either within or without the state of the Corporation's domicile, if permitted by law, for the holding of regular meetings without other notice than such resolution.

**Section 4.** **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors of any committee designated thereby may be called by or at the request of the President, the chief executive officer, or any two

directors. A special meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee designated thereby shall be held at the administrative office of the Corporation, provided that by resolution, or by waiver signed by all directors, it may be held at any other place, either within or without the state of the Corporation's domicile.

**Section 5.** **Notice.** Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least one day previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or mailed to each director at his business address, or by telegram. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegraph company. Any director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

**Section 6.** **Quorum.** A majority of the number of directors fixed in the manner provided by Section 2 of this Article III shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, but if less than such majority is present at a meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice. If a quorum is present when a meeting is convened, the directors present may continue to do business taking action by a vote of a majority of a quorum until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough directors to leave less than a quorum or the refusal of any director present to vote.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section to the contrary, in the event of an emergency caused by an enemy attack, at each meeting of the Board during such emergency the presence of one-third of the total number of directors, but in any event not less than two directors, shall constitute a quorum and be sufficient for the transaction of business.

**Section 7.** **Manner of Acting.** The act of the majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

Members of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

**Section 8.** **Vacancies.** Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, though less than a quorum of the Board of Directors. A director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected until the next annual meeting of shareholders. Any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors shall be filled by election at an annual meeting or at a special meeting of shareholders called for that purpose.

**Section 9.** **Committees.** The Board of Directors may, by resolution or resolutions adopted by a majority of the full Board of Directors, designate one or more committees, each committee to consist of two or more of the directors of the Corporation, which, to the extent provided in such resolution or resolutions, shall have and may during intervals between the meetings of the Board exercise the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation and may have power to authorize the seal of the Corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it; provided, however, that no such committee shall have the authority of the Board of Directors in reference to declaring a dividend

or distribution from the capital surplus, issuing capital stock, amending the Articles of Incorporation, adopting a plan of merger or consolidation, recommending to the shareholders the sale, lease, mortgage, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Corporation, recommending to the shareholders a voluntary dissolution of the Corporation or a revocation thereof, filling vacancies of the Board of Directors, or amending the by-laws of the Corporation. Such committee or committees shall have such name or names as may be determined from time to time by resolution or resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors. The designation of any such committee or committees and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors, or any member thereof, of any responsibility imposed upon it or him by law.

**Section 10. Informal Action.** Any action required or permitted under the Tennessee corporate or insurance laws, the Articles of Incorporation or these by-laws to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, if a written consent setting forth the action so taken is signed by all members of the Board of Directors or of such committee, as the case may be. Such written consent shall be filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors or committee.

**Section 11. Removal of Directors.** At a meeting of shareholders called expressly for that purpose, one or more directors may be removed, with or without cause, by a vote of the holders of a majority of shares then entitled to vote at an election of directors and the shareholders may at such meeting elect a successor director or directors for the unexpired term of the director or directors removed.

## ARTICLE IV

### OFFICERS

**Section 1. Number.** The officers of the Corporation shall be a President and a Secretary and, in the discretion of the Board of Directors which may leave one or more offices vacant from time to time, a Chairman of the Board, one or more Executive Vice Presidents, Senior Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents, Second Vice Presidents (the number thereof to be determined by the Board of Directors), a Treasurer, one or more Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers and such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. All such officers shall be elected for a term of one year and shall be subject to removal by the Board of Directors at its pleasure. Such officers shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as are conferred by the Board of Directors or as are conferred herein. The Board of Directors may designate one of such elected officers the chief executive officer of the Corporation. The Board of Directors or the chief executive officer, by and with the consent and approval of the Board of Directors or of the Executive Committee, if any, may appoint such other officers and agents as, in its or his discretion, are required for the proper transaction of the Corporation's business. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person.

The Board of Directors shall be and is hereby authorized to adopt and amend from time to time By-laws to be effective in the event of an emergency caused by an enemy attack, dealing with or making provisions during such emergency for continuity of management, succession to the authority and duties of officers, vacancies in office, alternative offices or other matters deemed necessary or desirable to enable the Corporation to carry on its business and affairs.

**Section 2. Chairman of the Board.** Any director may be designated as Chairman of the Board and shall preside, when present, at all meetings of the shareholders and of the Board of Directors. The

Chairman of the Board shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

**Section 3. President.** Subject to the control of the Board of Directors, the President shall have general management and control of the affairs and business of the Corporation, and shall perform all other duties and exercise all other powers commonly incident to his office, or which are or may at any time be authorized or required by law. He shall keep the Board of Directors fully informed concerning the affairs and business of the Corporation. The Board of Directors may by resolution designate the officer of the Corporation who in the event of the death, unavailability or incapacity of the President shall perform the duties of the President until the Board of Directors shall designate another person to perform such duties.

**Section 4. Vice Presidents.** Each Vice President shall have powers and perform such duties as shall from time to time be assigned to him by these by-laws or by the Board of Directors and shall have and may be assigned to him by the chief executive officer.

**Section 5. Other Authority of Officers.** The Chairman of the Board of Directors and the President may sign and execute all authorized bonds, contracts or other obligations in the name of the Corporation, and with the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, may sign all certificates of shares of the capital stock of the Corporation, and do and perform such other acts and things as may from time to time be assigned to each of them by the Board of Directors. The chief executive officer, the President, the Treasurer or such other officers as are authorized by the Board of Directors may enter into contracts in the name of the Corporation or sell and convey any real estate or securities now or hereafter belonging to the Corporation and execute any deeds or written instruments of transfer necessary to convey good title thereto and each of the foregoing officers, or the Secretary or the Treasurer of the Corporation, is authorized and empowered to satisfy and discharge of record any mortgage or deed of trust now or hereafter of record in which the Corporation is a grantee or of which it is the owner, and any such satisfaction and discharge heretofore or hereafter so entered by any such officer shall be valid and in all respects binding on the Corporation.

**Section 6. Secretary.** The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the shareholders, and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall perform like duties for the Board and its committees as required. He shall give or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the shareholders and of the Board of Directors. He shall record all transfers of stock, and cancel and preserve all certificates of stock transferred, and shall keep a record, alphabetically arranged, of all persons who are shareholders of the Corporation, showing their places of residence and the number of shares of stock held by them respectively. The Secretary shall also be the transfer agent of the Corporation for the transfer of all certificates of stock ordered by the Board of Directors, and shall affix the seal of the Corporation to all certificates of stock or other instruments requiring the seal. He shall keep such other books and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time. The Board of Directors may designate a bank or trust company as transfer agent of the Corporation stock, in which case such transfer agent shall perform all duties above set forth relative to transfers of such stock.

**Section 7. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds and securities of the Corporation, and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the chief executive officer.

**Section 8. Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers.** The Assistant Secretaries may sign with the President certificates for shares of the Corporation the issuance of which shall have been authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. The Assistant Treasurers shall, respectively, if required by the Board of Directors, give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sums and with such sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine. The Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, in general, shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the Secretary or the Treasurer, respectively, or by the President or the Board of Directors.

**Section 9. Election and Term of Office.** The Officers of the Corporation to be elected by the Board of Directors shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after each annual meeting of the shareholders. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified or until his death or until he shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided.

**Section 10. Removal.** The chief executive officer, Chairman of the Board, or President may be removed, with or without cause, at any time by action of the Board of Directors. Any other officer elected by the Board of Directors may be removed, with or without cause, at any time, by action of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, if any. Any other officer, agent or employee, including any officer, agent or employee appointed by the Board of Directors, may be removed, with or without cause, at any time by the Board of Directors, the chief executive officer, the Executive Committee, if any, or the superior officer to whom authority to so remove has been delegated by these by-laws or by the chief executive officer.

**Section 11. Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office elected or appointed by the Board of Directors because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term. A vacancy in any other office for any reason shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or any committee, or superior officer to whom authority in the premises may have been delegated by these by-laws or by resolution of the Board of Directors.

**Section 12. Salaries.** The salaries of the officers shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors or committee thereof and no officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary by reason of the fact that he is also a director of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE V

### CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

**Section 1. Contracts.** The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

**Section 2. Loans.** No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any loans to directors who are not also employees of the Corporation or a subsidiary thereof, or the use of the credit of the Corporation to assist same, shall

require authorization in the particular case by shareholders of the Corporation, and any loans to employees, whether or not directors, of the Corporation or of any subsidiary shall be made only in compliance with the applicable law of the domiciliary state.

**Section 3.           Checks, Drafts, etc.** All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.           Deposits.** All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositaries as the Board of Directors may select.

**Section 5.           Proxies.** Unless otherwise provided by resolution of the Board of Directors, the chief executive officer may from time to time appoint an attorney or agent of the Corporation, in the name and on behalf of the Corporation, to cast the votes which the Corporation may be entitled to cast as the holder of stock or other securities in any other corporation any of whose stock or securities may be held by the Corporation, at meetings of the holders of the stock or other securities of such other corporation, or to consent in writing, in the name and on behalf of the Corporation as such holder, to any action by such other corporation, and may instruct the person or persons so appointed as to the manner of casting such votes or giving such consent, and may execute or cause to be executed, in the name and on behalf of the Corporation and under its corporate seal or otherwise, all such written proxies or other instruments as he may deem necessary or proper in the premises.

## ARTICLE VI

### CERTIFICATES FOR SHARES AND THEIR TRANSFER

**Section 1.           Certificates of Shares.** Certificates may be issued for whole or fractional shares. Certificates representing shares of the Corporation shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Such certificates shall be signed in the manner provided by the Business Corporation Act of the domiciliary state and any act amendatory thereof, supplementary thereto or substituted therefor. All certificates for shares shall be consecutively numbered or otherwise identified. The name and address of the person to whom the shares represented thereby are issued, with the number of shares and date of issue, shall be entered on the stock transfer books of the Corporation. All certificates surrendered to the Corporation for transfer shall be canceled and no new certificate shall be issued until the former certificate for a like number of shares shall have been surrendered and canceled, except that in case of a lost, destroyed or mutilated certificate a new one may be issued therefor upon such terms and indemnity to the Corporation as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

**Section 2.           Transfer of Shares.** Transfer of shares of the Corporation shall be made only on the stock transfer books of the Corporation by the holder of record thereof or by his legal representative, who shall furnish proper evidence of authority to transfer, or by his attorney thereunto authorized by power of attorney duly executed and filed with the Secretary of the Corporation, and on surrender for cancellation of the certificate for such shares. The person in whose name shares stand on the books of the Corporation shall be deemed by the Corporation to be the owner thereof for all purposes.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December in each year.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **DIVIDENDS**

The Board of Directors may from time to time declare, and the Corporation may pay, dividends on its outstanding shares in the manner and upon the terms and conditions provided by law and the Articles of Incorporation.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **SEAL**

The corporate seal shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation and the words "Corporate Seal," including the name of the state of domicile. The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or otherwise reproduced.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **WAIVER OF NOTICE**

Whenever any notice is required to be given to any shareholder or director of the Corporation under the provisions of these by-laws, the Articles of Incorporation, the provisions of the Business Corporation Act of the domiciliary state or the domiciliary state Insurance Code and any act amendatory thereof, supplementary thereto or substituted therefor, or the domiciliary state Constitution, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

In amplification and not in limitation of applicable provisions of the Insurance Code of the state of domicile and the Business Corporation Act of the state of domicile:

(a) The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed claim, action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, including appeals (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation), by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, partner, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with

such claim, action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any claim, action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

(b) The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed claim, action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, partner, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

(c) To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b), or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith, notwithstanding that he has not been successful on any other claim, issue or matter in any such action, suit or proceeding.

(d) Any indemnification under subsections (a) and (b) (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in subsections (a) and (b). Such determination shall be made (1) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to, or who have been wholly successful on the merits or otherwise with respect to, such claim, action, suit or proceeding, or (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or even if obtainable a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (3) by the shareholders.

(e) Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in defending a civil or criminal claim, action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such claim, action, suit or proceeding as authorized in the manner provided in subsection (d) upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount if and to the extent that it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this Section.

(f) The indemnification authorized by this Section shall not be deemed exclusive of and shall be in addition to any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any statute, rule of law, provision of articles of incorporation, by-law, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors or

otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

(g) The Corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, partner, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Section.

**ARTICLE XII**

**AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1. Power of Directors to Amend.** The Board of Directors shall have power to alter, amend and repeal the by-laws of the Corporation or adopt new by-laws for the Corporation at any regular or special meeting of the Board, provided that the Board of Directors may not alter, amend or repeal any by-law which establishes what constitutes a quorum at such shareholders' meetings, or which was adopted by the shareholders and specifically provides that it cannot be altered, amended or repealed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Power of Shareholders to Amend.** The shareholders may alter, amend, or repeal the by-laws of the Corporation or adopt new by-laws for the Corporation at any annual meeting or at a special meeting, and all by-laws made by the directors may be altered or repealed by the shareholders.

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The foregoing are hereby certified by the undersigned officer of Protective Life Insurance Company to be a true and accurate copy of the 2002 Amended and Restated By-Laws of Protective Life Insurance Company and to be in full force and effect this date.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Corporation this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002

/s/ Jerry Hyche  
President / Secretary / Assistant Secretary

[CORPORATE SEAL]



**Protective Life Insurance Company**  
Home Office: Nashville Tennessee

Please send application and funds to:

**Overnight**  
Annuity New Business  
2801 Highway 280 South  
Birmingham, AL 35223

**Postal Mail**  
Annuity New Business  
P.O. Box 10648  
Birmingham, AL 35202-0648

**Modified Guaranteed Annuity Application**

**Owner/Participant 1** Name, Street, City, State, ZIP

Male  Female

Birthdate   /  /    
MM DD YYYY

Tax ID/SSN   -  -  -  -  -  

**Owner/Participant 2** Name, Street, City, State, ZIP  
(if applicable)

Male  Female

Birthdate   /  /    
MM DD YYYY

Tax ID/SSN   -  -  -  -  -  

**Annuitant** Name, Street, City, State, ZIP  
(if different than Owner/Participant 1)

Male  Female

Birthdate   /  /    
MM DD YYYY

Tax ID/SSN   -  -  -  -  -  

**Primary Beneficiary**, if there is no surviving Owner/Participant.

| Name | Relationship | % |
|------|--------------|---|
|      |              |   |
|      |              |   |

Use "Special Remarks" for additional Primary Beneficiary information.

**Contingent Beneficiary**

| Name | Relationship | % |
|------|--------------|---|
|      |              |   |
|      |              |   |

Use "Special Remarks" for additional Contingent Beneficiary information.

**Total Annuity Deposit:** \$

**Guaranteed Periods:** Please allocate at least \$10,000 to each Guaranteed Period selected.

- \$ 3 years                      \$ 4 years                      \$ 5 years                      \$ 6 years
- \$ 7 years                      \$ 8 years                      \$ 10 years                      \$ 15 years

**Funding:** (Choose one)     Cash     §1035 Exchange     Direct Rollover     Indirect Rollover     Transfer

For § 1035 Exchanges, Rollovers and Transfers, only:

- Estimated total amount exchanged or transferred: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Rate Lock?
  - Yes, please lock the current interest rates for 60 days.
  - No, please use the interest rates in effect as of the date the funds are received at Protective.

**Important information about the Rate Lock.** If you select "Yes" and we receive the funds within 60 days of the date we received this application, we will apply the rates in effect on the date we received the application (regardless of the rates in effect when we receive the funds). If you select "No", or if we receive the funds after the 60-day Rate Lock period, we will apply the rates in effect on the date we receive the funds.

**Plan Type:** (Choose One)                       Non-Qualified                       IRA     Roth IRA                       Other

If an IRA includes new contributions, please complete: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for (current tax year); \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for (previous tax year)

**Replacement & Other:**

- Do you currently have an annuity contract or life insurance policy?  Yes  No

- Will this annuity change or replace an existing annuity contract or life insurance policy?  
(If yes, please provide the company name and policy or contract number in "Special Remarks".)  Yes  No
- Have you purchased any other Protective Life annuity contracts this calendar year?  Yes  No

An annuity contract is not a deposit or obligation of, or guaranteed by, any bank or financial institution. It is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency and is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of principal.

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF AZ:** On written request you may ask us to provide you within ten business days, or 30 calendar days if you are 65 or older, additional factual information regarding the benefits and provisions of this Contract. If for any reason you are not satisfied, you may cancel the Contract within that period by returning the Contract to our office, or the agent who sold it with a written request for cancellation. Return of this Contract by mail is effective on receipt by us. The returned Contract will be treated as if we had never issued it. We will promptly return your Purchase Payment.

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF CA (AGE 60 AND OLDER):** YOU HAVE PURCHASED AN ANNUITY CONTRACT. REVIEW IT CAREFULLY FOR LIMITATIONS. YOU MAY CANCEL THE CONTRACT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE YOU RECEIVE IT BY RETURNING IT TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY OR THE AGENT WHO SOLD YOU THE CONTRACT. WE WILL REFUND YOUR PREMIUM. AFTER 30 DAYS, CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT MAY RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL PENALTY, KNOWN AS A SURRENDER CHARGE.

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF CO:** It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete or misleading facts or information to a policy holder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policy holder or claimant with regard to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado Division of Insurance within the Department of Regulatory agencies.

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF FL:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive an insurer, files a statement of claim or application containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony in the third degree.

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF NJ:** Any person who includes any false or misleading information on an application for an insurance policy is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF AR, DC, KY, LA, ME, NM, OH, OK, PA AND TN:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person, files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

**SPECIAL REMARKS:**

**NOT INSURED BY ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY • NO BANK GUARANTEE • NOT A DEPOSIT**

**I understand this application will become part of the annuity contract. The information I provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The Company deems my statements as representations and not warranties. The Company may accept instructions from any Owner/Participant on behalf of every Owner/Participant. If this application is declined, the Company shall have no liability except to return the annuity deposit.**

**I understand the contract/certificate contains a market value adjustment.**

Each of us signed this application in: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(City and State) (Date)

Owner/Participant 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner/Participant 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Owner/Participant daytime phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Annuitant: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If not an Owner/Participant.)

**Federal law requires the following notice: We may request or obtain additional information to establish or verify your identity.**

**Producer Report**

To the best of your knowledge and belief, does the applicant have an existing life insurance policy or annuity contract?  Yes  No

To the best of your knowledge and belief, does this annuity purchase change or replace any existing annuity or life insurance?  Yes  No

I have given a current Prospectus to the Owner/Participant named in this application.  Yes  No

I determined the suitability of this annuity product to the applicant's financial objectives and situation by inquiring into the applicant's:  
 financial status  tax status  investment objectives  other relevant information

\* *Comments:*

Type of unexpired government-issued photo I.D used to verify the applicant's identity? #

I certify that I have truly and accurately recorded on this application the information provided to me by the applicant.

Sign Producer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Producer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Producer #: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency /Brokerage: \_\_\_\_\_  
Producer Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ FL Lic. # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_



### CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS RATIOS

The following table sets forth, for the years and periods indicated, the Company's ratios of:

- Consolidated earnings to fixed charges.
- Consolidated earnings to fixed charges before interest credited on investment products.

|   | For The Year Ended December 31, |      |      |      |      |      |
|---|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|   | 2007                            | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 |
| Ratio of Consolidated Earnings to Fixed Charges (1)   | 1.4                             | 1.5  | 1.5  | 1.6  | 1.5  | 1.3  |
| Ratio of Consolidated Earnings to Fixed Charges<br>Before Interest Credited on Investment Products(2) | 6.9                             | 20.1 | 38.5 | 46.4 | 83.4 | 49.1 |

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- (1) Protective Life calculates the ratio of "Consolidated Earnings to Fixed Charges" by dividing the sum of income from continuing operations before income tax (BT), interest expense (which includes an estimate of the interest component of operating lease expense) (I) and interest credited on investment products (IP) by the sum of interest expense (I) and interest credited on investment products (IP). The formula for this ratio is:  $(BT+I+IP)/(I+IP)$ . Protective Life continues to sell investment products that credit interest to the contractholder. Investment products include products such as guaranteed investment contracts, annuities, and variable universal life interest credited insurance policies. The inclusion of on investment products results in a negative impact on the ratio of earnings to fixed charges because the effect of increases in interest credited to contractholders more than offsets the effect of the increase in earnings.
- (2) Protective Life calculates the ratio of "Consolidated Earnings to Fixed Charges Before Interest Credited on Investment Products" by dividing the sum of income from continuing operations before income tax (BT) and interest expense (I) by interest expense (I). The formula for this calculation, therefore, would be:  $(BT+I)/I$ .
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## COMPUTATION OF CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS RATIOS

|  | For The Year Ended December 31, |                    |                    |                    |                    |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|  | 2007                            | 2006               | 2005               | 2004               | 2003               |
| (Dollars In Thousands, Except Ratio Data)  |                                 |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Computation of Ratio of Consolidated Earnings to Fixed Charges   |                                 |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Income from Continuing Operations before Income Tax  | \$ 395,956                      | \$ 419,748         | \$ 361,215         | \$ 371,163         | \$ 349,972         |
| Add Interest Expense   | 66,707                          | 22,012             | 9,632              | 8,167              | 4,249              |
| Add Interest Credited on Investment Products   | 1,010,944                       | 891,627            | 726,301            | 649,216            | 647,695            |
| Earnings before Interest, Interest Credited on Investment Products and Taxes   | <u>\$1,473,607</u>              | <u>\$1,333,387</u> | <u>\$1,097,148</u> | <u>\$1,028,546</u> | <u>\$1,001,916</u> |
| Earnings before Interest, Interest Credited on Investment Products and Taxes<br>Divided by Interest expense and Interest Credited on Investment Products | 1.4                             | 1.5                | 1.5                | 1.6                | 1.5                |
| Computation of Ratio of Consolidated Earnings to Fixed Charges Before<br>Interest Credited on Investment Products  |                                 |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Income from Continuing Operations before Income Tax  | \$ 395,956                      | \$ 419,748         | \$ 361,215         | \$ 371,163         | \$ 349,972         |
| Add Interest Expense   | 66,707                          | 22,012             | 9,632              | 8,167              | 4,249              |
| Earnings before Interest and Taxes   | <u>\$ 462,663</u>               | <u>\$ 441,760</u>  | <u>\$ 370,847</u>  | <u>\$ 379,330</u>  | <u>\$ 354,221</u>  |
| Earnings before Interest and Taxes Divided by Interest Expense   | 6.9                             | 20.1               | 38.5               | 46.4               | 83.4               |

**DIRECTORS' POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each of the undersigned Directors of Protective Life Insurance Company, a Tennessee corporation (the "Company"), by his execution hereof or upon an identical counterpart hereof, does hereby constitute and appoint John D. Johns, Deborah J. Long, or Steven G. Walker, and each or any of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, for him and in his name, place and stead, to execute and sign the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, to be filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and, further, to execute and sign any and all amendments to such Annual Report, and to file same, with all exhibits and schedules thereto and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts of said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them which they may lawfully do in the premises or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has hereunto set his hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.

/s/ John D. Johns

John D. Johns

/s/ Richard J. Bielen

Richard J. Bielen

/s/ Carolyn Johnson

Carolyn Johnson

**WITNESS TO ALL SIGNATURES:**

/s/ Steven G. Walker

Steven G. Walker

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**Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, John D. Johns, certify that:

1. I have reviewed the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 of Protective Life Insurance Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 28, 2008

/s/ John D. Johns

Title: Chairman of the Board, President  
and Chief Executive Officer

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**Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Richard Joseph Bielen, certify that:

1. I have reviewed the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 of Protective Life Insurance Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 28, 2008

/s/ Richard Joseph Bielen

Title: Vice Chairman  
and Chief Financial Officer

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of Protective Life Insurance Company (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, John D. Johns, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the best of my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ John D. Johns

Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer  
March 28, 2008

This certification accompanies the Report pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not, except to the extent required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, be deemed filed by the Company for purposes of § 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of Protective Life Insurance Company (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, Richard Joseph Bielen, Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the best of my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Richard Joseph Bielen  
Vice Chairman  
and Chief Financial Officer  
March 28, 2008

This certification accompanies the Report pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not, except to the extent required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, be deemed filed by the Company for purposes of §18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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**Exhibit 99**

**to  
Form 10-K  
of  
Protective Life Insurance Company  
for  
Fiscal Year  
Ended December 31, 2007**

**Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements**

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Act") encourages companies to make "forward-looking statements" by creating a safe harbor to protect the companies from securities law liability in connection with forward-looking statements. All statements are based on future expectations rather than on historical facts and forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by use of words such as "expect," "estimate," "project," "budget," "forecast," "anticipate," "plan," and similar expressions. Protective Life Insurance Company (the "Company") intends to qualify both its written and oral forward-looking statements for protection under the Act.

To qualify oral forward-looking statements for protection under the Act, a readily available written document must identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. The Company provides the following information to qualify forward-looking statements for the safe harbor protection of the Act.

The operating results of companies in the insurance industry have historically been subject to significant fluctuations. The factors which could affect the Company's future results include, but are not limited to, general economic conditions and the known trends and uncertainties which are discussed more fully below.

***The Company is exposed to the risks of natural disasters, pandemics, malicious, and terrorist acts that could adversely affect the Company's operations.***

While the Company has obtained insurance, implemented risk management and contingency plans, and taken preventive measures and other precautions, no predictions of specific scenarios can be made nor can assurance be given that there are not scenarios that could have an adverse effect on the Company. A natural disaster or pandemic could adversely affect the mortality or morbidity experience of the Company or its reinsurers. A severe pandemic could result in a substantial increase in mortality experience and have a significant negative impact on the Company's surplus capital. A pandemic could also have an adverse effect on lapses and surrenders of existing policies, as well as sales of new policies. In addition, a pandemic could result in large areas being subject to quarantine, with the result that economic activity slows or ceases, adversely affecting the marketing or administration of the Company's business within such area and/or the general economic climate, which in turn could have an adverse effect on the Company. The possible macroeconomic effects of a pandemic could also adversely affect the Company's asset portfolio, as well as many other variables.

***The Company operates in a mature, highly competitive industry, which could limit its ability to gain or maintain its position in the industry and negatively affect profitability.***

Life and health insurance is a mature and highly competitive industry. In recent years, the industry has experienced little growth in life insurance sales, though the aging population has increased the demand for retirement savings products. The Company encounters significant competition in all lines of business from other insurance companies, many of which have greater financial resources than the Company and which may have a greater market share, offer a broader range of products, services or features, assume a greater level of risk, have lower operating or financing costs, or have different profitability expectations than the Company. The Company also faces competition from other providers of financial services. Competition could result in, among other things, lower sales or higher lapses of existing products.

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The Company's move away from relying on reinsurance for newly written traditional life products results in a net reduction of current taxes (but an increase in deferred taxes). The Company allocates the benefits of reduced current taxes to the life marketing segment and the profitability and competitive position of certain products is dependent on the continuation of existing tax rules and interpretations and the Company's ability to generate taxable income.

The insurance industry is consolidating, with larger, potentially more efficient organizations emerging from consolidation. Participants in certain of the Company's independent distribution channels are also consolidating into larger organizations. Some mutual insurance companies have converted to stock ownership, which gives them greater access to capital markets. The ability of banks to increase their securities-related business or to affiliate with insurance companies may materially and adversely affect sales of all of the Company's products by substantially increasing the number and financial strength of potential competitors.

The Company's ability to compete is dependent upon, among other things, its ability to attract and retain distribution channels to market its insurance and investment products, its ability to develop competitive and profitable products, its ability to maintain low unit costs, and its maintenance of strong ratings from rating agencies.

As technology evolves, comparison of a particular product of any company for a particular customer with competing products for that customer is more readily available, which could lead to increased competition as well as agent or customer behavior, including persistency that differs from past behavior.

***A ratings downgrade could adversely affect the Company's ability to compete.***

Rating organizations periodically review the financial performance and condition of insurers, including the Company and its subsidiaries. A downgrade in the rating of the Company or its subsidiaries could adversely affect the Company's ability to sell its products, retain existing business, and compete for attractive acquisition opportunities. Specifically, a ratings downgrade would materially harm the Company's ability to sell certain products, including guaranteed investment products, funding agreements, and certain types of annuities.

Rating organizations assign ratings based upon several factors. While most of the factors relate to the rated company, some of the factors relate to the views of the rating organization, general economic conditions and circumstances outside the rated company's control. In addition, rating organizations use various models and formulas to assess the strength of a rated company, and from time to time rating organizations have, in their discretion, altered the models. Changes to the models could impact the rating organizations' judgment of the rating to be assigned to the rated company. The Company cannot predict what actions the rating organizations may take, or what actions the Company may be required to take in response to the actions of the rating organizations, which could adversely affect the Company.

***The Company's policy claims fluctuate from period to period resulting in earnings volatility.***

The Company's results may fluctuate from period to period due to fluctuations in policy claims received by the Company. Certain of the Company's businesses may experience higher claims if the economy is growing slowly or in recession, or equity markets decline. Additionally, beginning in the third quarter of 2005, the Company increased its retained amounts on newly written traditional life products. This change will cause greater variability in financial results due to fluctuations in mortality results.

***The Company's results may be negatively affected should actual experience differ from management's assumptions and estimates.***

In the conduct of business, the Company makes certain assumptions regarding the mortality, persistency, expenses and interest rates, tax liability, business mix, frequency of claims, contingent liabilities or other factors appropriate to the type of business it expects to experience in future periods. These assumptions are also used to estimate the amounts of deferred policy acquisition costs, policy liabilities and accruals, future earnings, and various components of the Company's balance sheet. These assumptions are used in the operations of the Company's business in making decisions crucial to the success of the Company, including the pricing of products and expense structures

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relating to products. The Company's actual experience, as well as changes in estimates, is used to prepare the Company's statements of income. To the extent the Company's actual experience and changes in estimates differ from original estimates, the Company's financial condition is affected.

Mortality, morbidity, and casualty expectations incorporate assumptions about many factors, including for example, how a product is distributed, for what purpose the product is purchased, the mix of customers purchasing the products, persistency and lapses, future progress in the fields of health and medicine, and the projected level of used vehicle values. Actual mortality, morbidity, and/or casualty experience will differ from expectations if actual results differ from those assumptions. In addition, continued activity in the viatical, stranger-owned and/or life settlement industry, in which some companies attempt to arbitrage the difference in lapse assumptions used in pricing and actual lapse performance that they can control, could have an adverse impact on the Company's level of persistency and lapses, and thus negatively impact the Company's performance.

The calculations the Company uses to estimate various components of its balance sheet and statements of income are necessarily complex and involve analyzing and interpreting large quantities of data. The Company currently employs various techniques for such calculations and it from time to time will develop and implement more sophisticated administrative systems and procedures capable of facilitating the calculation of more precise estimates.

Assumptions and estimates involve judgment, and by their nature are imprecise and subject to changes and revisions over time. Accordingly, the Company's results may be affected, positively or negatively, from time to time, by actual results differing from assumptions, by changes in estimates, and by changes resulting from implementing more sophisticated administrative systems and procedures that facilitate the calculation of more precise estimates.

***The use of reinsurance introduces variability in the Company's statements of income.***

The timing of premium payments to and receipt of expense allowances from reinsurers may differ from the Company's receipt of customer premium payments and incurrence of expenses. These timing differences introduce variability in certain components of the Company's statements of income, and may also introduce variability in the Company's quarterly results.

***The Company could be forced to sell investments at a loss to cover policyholder withdrawals.***

Many of the products offered by the Company and its insurance subsidiaries allow policyholders and contract holders to withdraw their funds under defined circumstances. The Company and its insurance subsidiaries manage their liabilities and configure their investment portfolios so as to provide and maintain sufficient liquidity to support anticipated withdrawal demands and contract benefits and maturities. While the Company and its insurance subsidiaries own a significant amount of liquid assets, a certain portion of their assets are relatively illiquid. If the Company or its subsidiaries experience unanticipated withdrawal or surrender activity, the Company or its subsidiaries could exhaust their liquid assets and be forced to liquidate other assets, perhaps on unfavorable terms. If the Company or its subsidiaries are forced to dispose of assets on unfavorable terms, it could have an adverse effect on the Company's financial condition.

***Interest rate fluctuations could negatively affect the Company's spread income or otherwise impact its business.***

Significant changes in interest rates expose insurance companies to the risk of not earning anticipated spreads between the interest rate earned on investments and the credited interest rates paid on outstanding policies and contracts. Both rising and declining interest rates can negatively affect the Company's spread income. While the Company develops and maintains asset/liability management programs and procedures designed to mitigate the effect on spread income in rising or falling interest rate environments, no assurance can be given that changes in interest rates will not affect such spreads.

From time to time, the Company has participated in securities repurchase transactions that have contributed to the Company's investment income. No assurance can be given that such transactions will continue to be entered into and contribute to the Company's investment income in the future.

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Changes in interest rates may also impact its business in other ways. Lower interest rates may result in lower sales of certain of the Company's insurance and investment products. In addition, certain of the Company's insurance and investment products guarantee a minimum credited interest rate, and the Company could become unable to earn its spread income should interest rates decrease significantly.

Higher interest rates may create a less favorable environment for the origination of mortgage loans and decrease the investment income the Company receives in the form of prepayment fees, make-whole payments, and mortgage participation income. Higher interest rates may also increase the cost of debt and other obligations having floating rate or rate reset provisions and may result in lower sales of variable products.

Additionally, the Company's asset/liability management programs and procedures incorporate assumptions about the relationship between short-term and long-term interest rates (i.e., the slope of the yield curve) and relationships between risk-adjusted and risk-free interest rates, market liquidity, and other factors. The effectiveness of the Company's asset/liability management programs and procedures may be negatively affected whenever actual results differ from these assumptions.

In general, the Company's results are improved when the yield curve is positively sloped (i.e., when long-term interest rates are higher than short-term interest rates), and will be adversely affected by a flat or negatively sloped curve.

***Equity market volatility could negatively impact the Company's business.***

The amount of policy fees received from variable products is affected by the performance of the equity markets, increasing or decreasing as markets rise or fall. Equity market volatility can also affect the profitability of variable products in other ways, in particular as a result of options embedded in these products.

The amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs relating to variable products and the estimated cost of providing guaranteed minimum death benefits and guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefits incorporate various assumptions about the overall performance of equity markets over certain time periods. The rate of amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs and the estimated cost of providing guaranteed minimum death benefits could increase if equity market performance is worse than assumed.

***Insurance companies are highly regulated and subject to numerous legal restrictions and regulations.***

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to government regulation in each of the states in which they conduct business. Such regulation is vested in state agencies having broad administrative and in some instances discretionary power dealing with many aspects of the Company's business, which may include, among other things, premium rates and increases thereto, reserve requirements, marketing practices, advertising, privacy, policy forms, reinsurance reserve requirements, acquisitions, mergers, and capital adequacy, and is concerned primarily with the protection of policyholders and other customers rather than shareowners. At any given time, a number of financial and/or market conduct examinations of the Company and its subsidiaries may be ongoing. From time to time, regulators raise issues during examinations or audits of the Company and its subsidiaries that could, if determined adversely, have a material impact on the Company. The Company and its insurance subsidiaries are required to obtain state regulatory approval for rate increases for certain health insurance products, and the Company's profits may be adversely affected if the requested rate increases are not approved in full by regulators in a timely fashion.

The purchase of life insurance products is limited by state insurable interest laws, which generally require that the purchaser of life insurance name a beneficiary that has some interest in the sustained life of the insured. To some extent, the insurable interest laws present a barrier to the life settlement, or "stranger-owned" industry, in which a financial entity acquires an interest in life insurance proceeds, and efforts have been made in some states to liberalize the insurable interest laws. To the extent these laws are relaxed, the Company's lapse assumptions may prove to be unduly optimistic.

The Company cannot predict whether or when regulatory actions may be taken that could adversely affect the Company or its operations. Interpretations of regulations by regulators may change and statutes, regulations and

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interpretations may be applied with retroactive impact, particularly in areas such as accounting or reserve requirements. Although the Company and its subsidiaries are subject to state regulation, in many instances the state regulatory models emanate from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC"). Some of the NAIC pronouncements, particularly as they affect accounting issues, take effect automatically in the various states without affirmative action by the states. Also, regulatory actions with prospective impact can potentially have a significant impact on currently sold products. As an example of both retroactive and prospective impacts, in late 2005, the NAIC approved an amendment to Actuarial Guideline 38, commonly known as AXXX, which interprets the reserve requirements for universal life insurance with secondary guarantees. This amendment retroactively increased the reserve requirements for universal life insurance with secondary guarantee products issued after July 1, 2005. This change to Actuarial Guideline 38 ("AG38") also affected the profitability of universal life products sold after the adoption date. The NAIC is continuing to study reserving methodology and has issued additional changes to AXXX and Regulation XXX, which has had the effect of modestly decreasing the reserves required for term and universal life policies that are issued on January 1, 2007 and later. In addition, accounting and actuarial groups within the NAIC have studied whether to change the accounting standards that relate to certain reinsurance credits, and if changes were made, whether they should be applied retrospectively, prospectively only, or in a phased-in manner. A requirement to reduce the reserve credit on ceded business, if applied retroactively, would have a negative impact on the statutory capital of the Company. The NAIC is also currently working to reform state regulation in various areas, including comprehensive reforms relating to life insurance reserves.

At the federal level, bills have been introduced in the U. S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives that would provide for an optional federal charter for life and property and casualty insurers, and another bill has been introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives that would pre-empt state law in certain respects with regard to the regulation of reinsurance. Still another bill has been introduced in the House and Senate that would remove the federal antitrust exemption from the insurance industry. The Company cannot predict whether or in what form reforms will be enacted and, if so, whether the enacted reforms will positively or negatively affect the Company or whether any effects will be material. Moreover, although with respect to some financial regulations and guidelines, states sometimes defer to the interpretation of the insurance department of the state of domicile; neither the action of the domiciliary state nor action of the NAIC is binding on a state. Accordingly, a state could choose to follow a different interpretation.

The Company and its subsidiaries may be subject to regulation by the United States Department of Labor when providing a variety of products and services to employee benefit plans governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"). Severe penalties are imposed for breach of duties under ERISA.

Certain policies, contracts, and annuities offered by the Company and its subsidiaries are subject to regulation under the federal securities laws administered by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The federal securities laws contain regulatory restrictions and criminal, administrative, and private remedial provisions.

Other types of regulation that could affect the Company and its subsidiaries include insurance company investment laws and regulations, state statutory accounting practices, anti-trust laws, minimum solvency requirements, state securities laws, federal privacy laws, insurable interest laws, federal anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism laws, and because the Company owns and operates real property, state, federal, and local environmental laws. The Company cannot predict what form any future changes in these or other areas of regulation affecting the insurance industry might take or what effect, if any, such proposals might have on the Company if enacted into law.

***Changes to tax law or interpretations of existing tax law could adversely affect the Company and its ability to compete with non-insurance products or reduce the demand for certain insurance products.***

Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), income tax payable by policyholders on investment earnings is deferred during the accumulation period of certain life insurance and annuity products. This favorable tax treatment may give certain of the Company's products a competitive advantage over other non-insurance products. To the extent that the Code is revised to reduce the tax-deferred status of life insurance and annuity products, or to increase the tax-deferred status of competing products, all life insurance companies, including the Company and its subsidiaries, would be adversely affected with respect to their ability to sell such products, and, depending upon grandfathering provisions, would be affected by the surrenders of existing annuity contracts and life insurance policies. For example, changes in laws or regulations could restrict or eliminate the advantages of certain corporate or

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bank-owned life insurance products. Changes in tax law, which have reduced the federal income tax rates on corporate dividends in certain circumstances, could make the tax advantages of investing in certain life insurance or annuity products less attractive. Additionally, changes in tax law based on proposals to establish new tax advantaged retirement and life savings plans, if enacted, could reduce the tax advantage of investing in certain life insurance or annuity products. In addition, life insurance products are often used to fund estate tax obligations. Legislation has been enacted that would, over time, reduce and eventually eliminate the federal estate tax. Under the legislation that has been enacted, the estate tax will be reinstated, in its entirety, in 2011 and thereafter. President Bush and members of Congress have expressed a desire to modify the existing legislation, which modification could result in faster or more complete reduction or repeal of the estate tax. If the estate tax is significantly reduced or eliminated, the demand for certain life insurance products could be adversely affected. Additionally, the Company is subject to the federal corporation income tax. The Company cannot predict what changes to tax law or interpretations of existing tax law may ultimately be enacted or adopted or whether such changes could adversely affect the Company.

The Company's move away from relying on reinsurance for newly written traditional life products results in a net reduction of current taxes (but an increase in deferred taxes.) The resulting benefit of reduced current taxes is attributed to the applicable life products and is an important component of the profitability of these products. The profitability and competitive position of these products is dependent on the continuation of current tax law and the ability to generate taxable income.

***Financial services companies are frequently the targets of litigation, including class action litigation, which could result in substantial judgments.***

A number of civil jury verdicts have been returned against insurers, broker-dealers, and other providers of financial services involving sales, refund or claims practices, alleged agent misconduct, failure to properly supervise representatives, relationships with agents or other persons with whom the insurer does business, and other matters. Often these lawsuits have resulted in the award of substantial judgments that are disproportionate to the actual damages, including material amounts of punitive non-economic compensatory damages. In some states, juries, judges, and arbitrators have substantial discretion in awarding punitive and non-economic compensatory damages, which creates the potential for unpredictable material adverse judgments or awards in any given lawsuit or arbitration. Arbitration awards are subject to very limited appellate review. In addition, in some class action and other lawsuits, companies have made material settlement payments.

Group health coverage issued through associations and credit insurance coverages have received some negative coverage in the media as well as increased regulatory consideration and review and litigation. The Company has a small closed block of group health insurance coverage that was issued to members of an association; a purported class action lawsuit is currently pending against the Company in connection with this business. The Company is also defending purported class action litigation challenging its practices relating to issuing refunds of unearned premiums upon termination of credit insurance.

In connection with our discontinued Lender's Indemnity product, we have discovered facts and circumstances that support allegations against third parties (including policyholders and the administrator of the associated loan program), and we have instituted litigation to establish the rights and liabilities of various parties; we have also received claims seeking to assert liability against us for various matters, including claims alleging payments owing for bad faith refusal to pay and payments with respect to policies for which premiums were not received by us and this matter is addressed by the pending litigation matters. In addition, we are defending an arbitration claim by the reinsurer of this Lender's Indemnity product. The reinsurer asserts that it is entitled to a return of most of the Lender's Indemnity claims that were paid on behalf of us by the administrator, claiming that the claims were not properly payable under the terms of the policies. The reinsurer was under common ownership with the program administrator, and we are vigorously defending this arbitration. Although we cannot predict the outcome of any litigation or arbitration, we do not believe that the outcome of these matters will have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

The Company, like other financial services companies, in the ordinary course of business is involved in litigation and arbitration. Although the Company cannot predict the outcome of any litigation or arbitration, the Company does not believe that any such outcome will have a material impact on the financial condition or results of

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operations of the Company.

***Publicly held companies in general and the financial services industry in particular are sometimes the target of law enforcement investigations and the focus of increased regulatory scrutiny.***

Publicly held companies in general and the financial services industry in particular are sometimes the target of law enforcement investigations relating to the numerous laws that govern publicly held companies and the financial services and insurance business. The Company cannot predict the impact of any such investigations on PLC, the Company, or the industry.

The financial services industry has become the focus of increased scrutiny by regulatory and law enforcement authorities relating to allegations of improper special payments, price-fixing, bid-rigging and other alleged misconduct, including payments made by insurers and other financial services providers to brokers and the practices surrounding the placement of insurance business and sales of other financial products as well as practices related to finite reinsurance. Some publicly held companies have been the subject of enforcement or other actions relating to corporate governance and the integrity of financial statements, most recently relating to the issuance of stock options. Such publicity may generate inquiries to or litigation against publicly held companies and/or financial service providers, even those who do not engage in the business lines or practices currently at issue. It is impossible to predict the outcome of these investigations or proceedings, whether they will expand into other areas not yet contemplated, whether they will result in changes in insurance regulation, whether activities currently thought to be lawful will be characterized as unlawful, or the impact, if any, of this increased regulatory and law enforcement scrutiny of the financial services industry on the Company. As some inquiries appear to encompass a large segment of the financial services industry, it would not be unusual for large numbers of companies in the financial services industry to receive subpoenas, requests for information from regulatory authorities or other inquiries relating to these and similar matters. From time to time, the Company receives subpoenas, requests or other inquiries and responds to them in the ordinary course of business.

***The Company's ability to maintain competitive unit costs is dependent upon the level of new sales and persistency of existing business.***

The Company's ability to maintain competitive unit costs is dependent upon a number of factors, such as the level of new sales, persistency (continuation or renewal) of existing business, and expense management. A decrease in sales or persistency without a corresponding reduction in expenses may result in higher unit costs.

Additionally, a decrease in persistency may result in higher or more rapid amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs and thus higher unit costs, and lower reported earnings. Although many of the Company's products contain surrender charges, the charges decrease over time and may not be sufficient to cover the unamortized deferred policy acquisition costs with respect to the insurance policy or annuity contract being surrendered. Some of the Company's products do not contain surrender charge features and such products can be surrendered or exchanged without penalty. A decrease in persistency may also result in higher claims.

***The Company's investments are subject to market and credit risks.***

The Company's invested assets and derivative financial instruments are subject to customary risks of credit defaults and changes in market values. The value of the Company's commercial mortgage loan portfolio depends in part on the financial condition of the tenants occupying the properties which the Company has financed. Factors that may affect the overall default rate on, and market value of, the Company's invested assets, derivative financial instruments, and mortgage loans include interest rate levels, financial market performance, and general economic conditions as well as particular circumstances affecting the businesses of individual borrowers and tenants. In addition, fair value changes can cause significant fluctuations to earnings and equity.

***The Company may not realize its anticipated financial results from its acquisitions strategy.***

The Company's acquisitions have increased its earnings in part by allowing the Company to enter new markets and to position itself to realize certain operating efficiencies. There can be no assurance, however, that suitable acquisitions presenting opportunities for continued growth and operating efficiencies, or capital to fund acquisitions

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will continue to be available to the Company, or that the Company will realize the anticipated financial results from its acquisitions.

The Company may be unable to complete an acquisition, or completion of an acquisition may be more costly or take longer than expected or may have a different financing structure than initially contemplated. The Company may be unable to obtain regulatory approvals that may be required to complete an acquisition. There may be unforeseen liabilities that arise in connection with businesses that the Company acquires.

Additionally, in connection with its acquisitions, the Company assumes or otherwise becomes responsible for the obligations of policies and other liabilities of other insurers. Any regulatory, legal, financial, or other adverse development affecting the other insurer could also have an adverse effect on the Company.

***The Company may not be able to achieve the expected results from its recent acquisition.***

On July 3, 2006, the Company completed its acquisition from JP Morgan Chase & Co. of the stock of five life insurance companies and the stock of four related non-insurance companies. Full integration of the acquisition may be more expensive, more difficult, or take longer than expected. In addition, the Company may not achieve the returns projected from its analysis of the acquisition opportunity, and the effects of the purchase generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") accounting on the Company's financial statements may be different than originally contemplated.

***The Company is dependent on the performance of others.***

The Company's results may be affected by the performance of others because the Company has entered into various arrangements involving other parties. For example, most of the Company's products are sold through independent distribution channels, and variable annuity deposits are invested in funds managed by third parties. Also, a substantial portion of the business of the recently acquired Chase Insurance Group is being administered by third party administrators. Additionally, the Company's operations are dependent on various technologies, some of which are provided and/or maintained by other parties.

Certain of these other parties may act on behalf of the Company or represent the Company in various capacities. Consequently, the Company may be held responsible for obligations that arise from the acts or omissions of these other parties.

As with all financial services companies, its ability to conduct business is dependent upon consumer confidence in the industry and its products. Actions of competitors and financial difficulties of other companies in the industry could undermine consumer confidence and adversely affect retention of existing business and future sales of the Company's insurance and investment products.

***The Company's reinsurers could fail to meet assumed obligations, increase rates or be subject to adverse developments that could affect the Company.***

The Company and its insurance subsidiaries cede material amounts of insurance and transfer related assets to other insurance companies through reinsurance. The Company may enter into third-party reinsurance arrangements under which the Company will rely on the third party to collect premiums, pay claims, and/or perform customer service functions. However, notwithstanding the transfer of related assets or other issues, the Company remains liable with respect to ceded insurance should any reinsurer fail to meet the obligations assumed. Therefore, the failure of one or more of the Company's reinsurers could negatively impact the Company's earnings and financial position.

The Company's ability to compete is dependent on the availability of reinsurance or other substitute financing solutions. Premium rates charged by the Company are based, in part, on the assumption that reinsurance will be available at a certain cost. Under certain reinsurance agreements, the reinsurer may increase the rate it charges the Company for the reinsurance. Therefore, if the cost of reinsurance were to increase or if reinsurance were to become unavailable or if alternatives to reinsurance were not available to the Company, or if a reinsurer should fail to meet its obligations, the Company could be adversely affected.

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Recently, access to reinsurance has become more costly for the Company as well as the insurance industry in general. This could have a negative effect on the Company's ability to compete. In recent years, the number of life reinsurers has decreased as the reinsurance industry has consolidated. The decreased number of participants in the life reinsurance market results in increased concentration risk for insurers, including the Company. If the reinsurance market further contracts, the Company's ability to continue to offer its products on terms favorable to the Company could be adversely impacted.

The Company has implemented, and plans to continue to expand, a reinsurance program through the use of captive reinsurers. Under these arrangements, an insurer owned by the Company serves as the reinsurer, and the consolidated books and tax returns of the Company reflects a liability consisting of the full reserve amount attributable to the reinsured business. The success of the Company's captive reinsurance program and related marketing efforts is dependent on a number of factors outside the control of the Company, including continued access to financial solutions, a favorable regulatory environment, and the overall tax position of the Company. If the captive reinsurance program is not successful the Company's ability to continue to offer its products on terms favorable to the Company would be adversely impacted.

***Computer viruses or network security breaches could affect the data processing systems of the Company or its business partners and could damage our business and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.***

A computer virus could affect the data processing systems of the Company or its business partners, destroying valuable data or making it difficult to conduct business. In addition, despite the Company's implementation of network security measures, its servers could be subject to physical and electronic break-ins, and similar disruptions from unauthorized tampering with its computer systems.

The Company retains confidential information in its computer systems, and relies on sophisticated commercial technologies to maintain the security of those systems. Anyone who is able to circumvent the Company's security measures and penetrate the Company's computer systems could access, view, misappropriate, alter, or delete any information in the systems, including personally identifiable customer information and proprietary business information. In addition, an increasing number of states require that customers be notified of unauthorized access, use or disclosure of their information. Any compromise of the security of the Company's computer systems that result in inappropriate access, use or disclosure of personally identifiable customer information could damage the Company's reputation in the marketplace, deter people from purchasing the Company's products, subject the Company to significant civil and criminal liability and require the Company to incur significant technical, legal and other expenses.

***The Company's ability to grow depends in large part upon the continued availability of capital.***

The Company has recently deployed significant amounts of capital to support its sales and acquisitions efforts. A recent amendment to Actuarial Guideline 38 increased the reserve requirements for universal life insurance with secondary guarantees for products issued after July 1, 2005. This amendment, along with the continued reserve requirements of Regulation XXX for traditional life insurance products, has caused the sale of these products to consume additional capital. Future marketing plans are dependent on access to financing solutions. A disruption in the financing arena, or the Company's inability to access capital through these transactions, could have a negative impact on the Company's ability to grow. Capital has also been consumed as the Company increased its reserves on the residual value and lenders indemnity product lines. Although positive performance in the equity markets has recently allowed the Company to decrease its guaranteed minimum death benefit related policy liabilities and accruals, deterioration in these markets could lead to further capital consumption. Although the Company believes it has sufficient capital to fund its immediate growth and capital needs, the amount of capital available can vary significantly from period to period due to a variety of circumstances, some of which are neither predictable nor foreseeable, nor within the Company's control. A lack of sufficient capital could impair the Company's ability to grow.

***New accounting rules or changes to existing accounting rules could negatively impact the Company.***

The Company is required to comply with U.S. GAAP. A number of organizations are instrumental in the development and interpretation of U.S. GAAP such as the United States Securities and Exchange

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Commission (the "SEC"), the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA"). U.S. GAAP is subject to constant review by these organizations and others in an effort to address emerging accounting rules and issue interpretative accounting guidance on a continual basis. The Company can give no assurance that future changes to U.S. GAAP will not have a negative impact on the Company. U.S. GAAP includes the requirement to carry certain investments and insurance liabilities at fair value. These fair values are sensitive to various factors including, but not limited to, interest rate movements, credit spreads, and various other factors. Because of this, changes in these fair values may cause increased levels of volatility in the Company's financial statements.

In addition, the Company and its insurance subsidiaries are required to comply with statutory accounting principles ("SAP"). SAP and various components of SAP (such as actuarial reserving methodology) are subject to constant review by the NAIC and its task forces and committees as well as state insurance departments in an effort to address emerging issues and otherwise improve or alter financial reporting. Various proposals either are currently or have previously been pending before committees and task forces of the NAIC, some of which, if enacted, would negatively affect the Company, including one that relates to certain reinsurance credits, and some of which could positively impact the Company. The NAIC is also currently working to reform state regulation in various areas, including comprehensive reforms relating to life insurance reserves and the accounting for such reserves. The Company cannot predict whether or in what form reforms will be enacted and, if so, whether the enacted reforms will positively or negatively affect the Company. Moreover, although in general with respect to regulations and guidelines, states defer to the interpretation of the insurance department of the state of domicile, neither the action of the domiciliary state nor action of the NAIC is binding on a state. Accordingly, a state could choose to follow a different interpretation. The Company can give no assurance that future changes to SAP or components of SAP will not have a negative impact on the Company.

***The Company's risk management policies and procedures may leave it exposed to unidentified or unanticipated risk, which could negatively affect our business or result in losses.***

The Company has developed risk management policies and procedures and expects to continue to enhance these in the future. Nonetheless, the Company's policies and procedures to identify, monitor, and manage both internal and external risks may not predict future exposures, which could be different or significantly greater than expected.

These may not be the only risks facing the Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us, or that we currently deem to be immaterial, may adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.

***Credit market volatility or the inability to access financing solutions could adversely impact the Company's financial condition or results from operations.***

Significant volatility in credit markets could have an adverse impact on either the Company's financial condition or results from operations in several ways. Changes in interest rates and credit spreads could cause market price and cash flow variability in the fixed income instruments in the Company's investment portfolio. Additionally, significant volatility and lack of liquidity in the credit markets could cause issuers of the fixed-income securities in the Company's investment portfolio to default on either principal or interest payments on these securities. Volatility could also impact the Company's ability to efficiently access financial solutions for purposes of issuing long term debt for financing purposes or obtain financial solutions for purposes of supporting term and universal life insurance products for capital management purposes or result in an increase in the cost of existing securitization structures.

The ability of the Company to implement financing solutions designed to fund excess statutory reserves on both the term and universal life blocks of business is dependent upon factors such as the ratings of the Company, the size of the blocks of business affected, the mortality experience of the Company, the credit market and other factors. The Company cannot predict the continued availability of such solutions to the Company or the form that the market may dictate. To the extent that such financing solutions are not available, the Company's financial position could be adversely affected through impacts including, but not limited to, higher borrowing costs, surplus strain, lower sales capacity and possible reduced earnings expectations. Management continues to monitor options related to these financing solutions.

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**Forward-looking statements express expectations of future events and/or results. All forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain as they are based on various expectations and assumptions concerning future events and they are subject to numerous known and unknown risks and uncertainties which could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those projected. Due to these inherent uncertainties, investors are urged not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. In addition, the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events, or changes to projections over time.**

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