



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

December 19, 2011

Via E-mail

Steven G. Walker
Senior Vice President, Controller
And Chief Accounting Officer
Protective Life Insurance Company
2801 Highway 280 South
Birmingham, Alabama 35223

**Re: Protective Life Insurance Company
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010
Filed March 30, 2011
File No. 001-31901**

Dear Mr. Walker:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joel Parker

Joel Parker
Accounting Branch Chief