

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

December 19, 2011

<u>Via E-mail</u> 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