

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 22, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D. C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**April 21, 2009 (April 20, 2009)**

**Date of Report** (Date of earliest event reported)

**Protective Life Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-11339**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**95-2492236**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2801 Highway 280 South**

**Birmingham, Alabama 35223**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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(205) 268-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

As previously disclosed by Protective Life Corporation ( Protective ) in a press release and Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 1, 2009, Bonifay Holding Company ( BHC ) and its subsidiary, The Bank of Bonifay, a Florida banking company (the Bank ), terminated their agreement with Protective under which Protective would have acquired BHC and the Bank. The order of the Federal Reserve Board approving Protective s application to become a bank holding company remained in effect until April 15, 2009, at which time it expired. This order by the Federal Reserve Board was a prerequisite to Protective s participation in the U.S. Treasury Department s Capital Purchase Program and, accordingly, on April 20, 2009, Protective withdrew its application to participate in the Capital Purchase Program.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION  
/s/Steven G. Walker  
Steven G. Walker  
Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

Dated: April 21, 2009