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

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**FORM 10-K**

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

For the fiscal year ended **December 31, 2006**

or

**o 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 **001-11339**

**PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**

**95-2492236**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization)

(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**

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

<b>Title of each class</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered</b>
Common Stock, \$0.50 Par Value	New York Stock Exchange
PLC Capital Trust III 7.5% Trust Originated Preferred Securities, including the Guarantee of Protective Life Corporation	New York Stock Exchange
PLC Capital Trust IV 7.25% Trust Originated Preferred Securities, including the Guarantee of Protective Life Corporation	New York Stock Exchange
PLC Capital Trust V 6.125% Trust Originated Preferred Securities, including the Guarantee of Protective Life Corporation	New York Stock Exchange
7.25% Capital Securities	New York Stock Exchange

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

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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. 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

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, 2006: \$3,185,877,234

Number of shares of Common Stock, \$0.50 Par Value, outstanding as of February 27, 2007: 70,017,458

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's Proxy Statement prepared for the 2007 annual meeting of share owners, pursuant to Regulation 14A, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report.

**PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION  
ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K  
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## PART I

### Item 1. Business

Protective Life Corporation (the “Company”) is a holding company whose subsidiaries provide financial services through the production, distribution, and administration of insurance and investment products. Founded in 1907, Protective Life Insurance Company (“Protective Life”) is the Company's largest operating subsidiary. Unless the context otherwise requires, the Company refers to the consolidated group of Protective Life Corporation and its subsidiaries.

Copies of the Company’s Proxy Statement and 2006 Annual Report to Share-Owners will be furnished to anyone who requests such documents from the Company. Requests for copies should be directed to: Share-Owner Relations, Protective Life Corporation, P. O. Box 2606, Birmingham, Alabama 35202, Telephone (205) 268-3573, FAX (205) 268-5547. Copies may also be requested through the Internet from the Company’s worldwide website ([www.protective.com](http://www.protective.com)). The Company makes periodic and current reports available free of charge on its website as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. The information incorporated herein by reference is also electronically accessible through the Internet from the “EDGAR Database of Corporate Information” on the Securities and Exchange Commission’s worldwide website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)).

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 unallocated 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 Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, “Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information,” and makes adjustments to its segment reporting as needed.

Additional information concerning the Company's business segments may be found in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Note 19 to Consolidated Financial Statements included herein.

In the following paragraphs, the Company reports sales and other statistical information. These statistics are used by the Company 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 (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.

These statistics are derived from the Company’s various sales tracking and administrative systems, and are not derived from the Company’s 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. The segment also distributes life insurance products through stockbrokers and banks, through worksite arrangements, and through direct marketing channels. 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.

<b>Year Ended December 31</b>	<b>Sales (Dollars in millions)</b>
2002	\$224
2003	290
2004	262
2005	295
2006	228

### **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 17 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, management believes that the Company 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 termination 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 the marketing of new policies and operate West Coast as a component of the Company's Life Marketing segment. Additionally, the Company has continued the marketing of new annuity products associated with its 2006 acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group (see below). New annuity product sales resulting from this acquisition are reported as a component of the Company's 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 significant 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.

In 2002, the Company coinsured a block of traditional life and interest-sensitive life insurance policies from Conseco Variable Insurance Company.

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 is headquartered in Elgin, Illinois, and offers 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, it has continued marketing the fixed and variable annuity products.

From time to time other of 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 a measure of protection from the effects of changes in interest rates. The Company's fixed annuities also include single premium deferred annuities, book value annuities, and equity indexed annuities which the Company 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, as previously discussed, the Company has continued the marketing of new annuity products associated with its 2006 acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group and includes such sales as a component of its Annuities segment. During 2006, \$276 million of fixed annuity sales were generated through the Chase Insurance Group distribution channels.

<b>Year Ended December 31</b>	<b>Fixed Annuities</b>	<b>Variable Annuities</b>	<b>Total Annuities</b>
(Dollars in millions)			
2002	\$628	\$325	\$ 953
2003	164	350	514
2004	443	283	726
2005	275	312	587
2006	878	323	1,201

## 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 is 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 the Company’s overall asset-liability management in that the terms of the funding agreements may be tailored to the needs of Protective Life as the seller of the funding agreements, as opposed to solely meeting the needs of the buyer.

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.



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The following table shows the stable value products sales.

<b>Year Ended December 31</b>	<b>Funding</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>GICs</b>	<b>Agreements</b>	
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>		
2002	\$267	\$ 888	\$1,155
2003	275	1,333	1,608
2004	59	1,524	1,583
2005	96	1,316	1,412
2006	294	140	434

The Company chose not to participate in the institutional funding agreement-backed note market during 2006. 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 an inventory protection product ("IPP") and a guaranteed asset protection ("GAP") 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 2007 and beyond as the segment discontinues marketing these products through financial institutions.

On July 14, 2006, the Company completed its 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 premium.

<b>Year Ended December 31</b>	<b>Sales</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>
2002	\$468

2003	472
2004	460
2005	489
2006	536

In 2006, approximately 63% of the segment's sales were through the automobile dealer distribution channel, and approximately 52% 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 unallocated 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**

The types of assets in which the Company may invest are influenced by various state laws which prescribe qualified investment assets. Within the parameters of these laws, the Company invests its 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 Notes 2 and 4 to Consolidated Financial Statements, and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

A significant portion of the Company's bond portfolio is invested in mortgage-backed securities. Mortgage-backed securities are constructed from pools of residential 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 offset the volatility in the market value of its mortgage-backed securities.

The table below shows a breakdown of the Company's mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities portfolio by type at December 31, 2006. Planned amortization class securities ("PACs") pay down according to a schedule. 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. Sequentials receive payments in order until each class is paid off. Pass through securities receive principal as principal of the underlying mortgages is received. The CMBS are 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.

<b>Type</b>	<b>Percentage of Mortgage-Backed and</b>
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**Asset-Backed  
Securities**

Sequential	47.3%
PAC	21.0
CMBS	9.1
Pass	
Through	8.5
ABS	5.6
Other	8.5
	100.0%

The Company obtains 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, 2006, over 99% of 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, 2006, is as follows:

	<b>Percentage of Fixed Maturity Rating Investments</b>
AAA	46.2%
AA	6.8
A	18.4
BBB	27.0
BB or less	1.6
	100.0%

At December 31, 2006, approximately \$21.0 billion of the Company's \$21.4 billion bond portfolio was invested in U.S. Government or agency-backed securities or investment grade bonds and approximately \$0.4 billion of its fixed maturities portfolio was rated less than investment grade, of which \$22.7 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 portfolio in mortgage loans. The Company generally does not lend on speculative properties and has specialized in making loans on either credit-oriented commercial properties or credit-anchored strip shopping centers. The average size of loans made during 2006 was \$3.2 million. The average size mortgage loan in the Company's portfolio is approximately \$2.5 million. The largest single loan amount is \$26.5 million.

The following table shows a breakdown of the Company's mortgage loan portfolio by property type at December 31, 2006:

<b>Property Type</b>	<b>Percentage of Mortgage Loans on Real Estate</b>
Retail	68.3%
Office	
Buildings	11.9
Apartments	10.0
Warehouses	7.1
Other	2.7
	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 exposure) at December 31, 2006:

<b>Anchor Tenants</b>	<b>Percentage of Mortgage Loans on Real Estate</b>
Walgreen Corporation	2.4%
Food Lion, Inc.	2.3
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	2.1
Lone Star Funds	1.5
Tractor Supply Co.	1.4

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 \$493.0 million of the Company's mortgage loans have this participation feature.

Many 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, 2006, \$15.8 million or 0.4% of the mortgage loan portfolio was nonperforming. 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. At December 31, 2006, the Company had investments related to retained beneficial interests of mortgage loan securitizations of \$173.4 million.

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. In 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 the Company 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:

	<b>Cash, Accrued Investment Income, and</b>		<b>Percentage Earned on</b>	<b>Realized Investment Gains (Losses)</b>	
<b>Year Ended December 31</b>	<b>Investments at December 31</b>	<b>Net Investment Income</b>	<b>Average of Cash and Investments</b>	<b>Derivative Financial Instruments</b>	<b>All Other Investments</b>
(Dollars in thousands)					
2002	\$15,765,420	\$1,022,953	7.0 %	\$28,308	\$ 910
2003	17,752,081	1,030,752	6.4	12,550	58,064
2004	19,712,244	1,084,217	6.1	19,591	28,305
2005	20,741,423	1,180,502	5.8	(30,881)	49,393
2006	28,299,749	1,419,778	6.0	(21,516)	104,084

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

	<b>Year Ended December 31</b>				
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>New Business Written</b>					
Life Marketing	\$ 81,389,241	\$ 60,435,133	\$ 77,917,553	\$102,154,269	\$ 67,827,198
Group Products <sup>(1)</sup>				67,405	44,567
Asset Protection	3,095,205	3,770,783	5,702,146	6,655,790	4,516,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 84,484,446</b>	<b>\$ 64,205,916</b>	<b>\$ 83,619,699</b>	<b>\$108,877,464</b>	<b>\$ 72,388,115</b>
<b>Business Acquired</b>					
Acquisitions	\$ 224,498,169				\$ 3,859,788
<b>Insurance in Force at</b>					
<b>End of Year<sup>(2)</sup></b>					<b>225,667,767</b>
Life Marketing	\$ 453,937,534	\$ 435,430,943	\$372,395,267	\$305,939,864	\$
Acquisitions	265,837,876	26,861,772	29,135,715	30,755,635	27,372,622
Group Products <sup>(1)</sup>				710,358	5,015,636
Asset Protection	4,718,018	5,496,543	6,807,494	9,088,963	12,461,564
			408,338,476		270,517,589
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$724,493,428</b>	<b>\$467,789,258</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$346,494,820</b>	<b>\$</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 (2006 - \$576,790,608; 2005 - \$393,605,152; 2004 - \$354,015,938; 2003 - \$292,740,795; 2002 - \$219,025,215) 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:

<b>Year Ended December 31</b>	<b>Ratio of Voluntary Terminations</b>
2002	4.7%
2003	4.1
2004	4.6
2005	4.2
2006	3.9

**Investment Products in Force**

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

<b>December 31</b>	<b>Stable Value Products</b>	<b>Modified Guaranteed Annuities</b>	<b>Fixed Annuities</b>	<b>Variable Annuities</b>
		(Dollars in thousands)		
2002	\$ 4,018,552	\$ 2,390,440	\$ 955,886	\$ 1,864,993
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
			4,981,587	
2006	5,513,464	2,424,218		4,302,413

### **Underwriting**

The underwriting policies of the Company's insurance subsidiaries are established by management. With respect to individual insurance, the 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 payroll deduction 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's insurance 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 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.

### **Reinsurance Ceded**

The Company's 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.

During 2006, the life reinsurance market continued the process of consolidation and tightening, resulting in a higher net cost of reinsurance for much of the Company's 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 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. The Company's maximum retention for newly issued universal life products is \$1,000,000. 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 it may issue up to an aggregate of \$600 million of non-recourse funding obligations through June 2007.

At December 31, 2006, the Company had insurance in force of \$724.1 billion of which approximately \$576.8 billion was ceded to reinsurers. See Note 8 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's 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 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 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 will adversely affect the Company.

The Company's 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 with non-life-insurance-company taxable losses. For 2006, the Company will consolidate all of its subsidiaries into its consolidated U.S. income tax return except for the five recently-acquired Chase life insurance companies. The Chase life insurance companies will file either stand-alone U.S. income tax returns or will join in the filing of a separate U.S. consolidated income tax return.

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 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.

## **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 the Company's 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 share-owners.

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, 2006 statutory financial reports, the Company's insurance subsidiaries are adequately capitalized under the formula.

The Company's 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's subsidiaries may be ongoing. To date, no such insurance department examinations have produced any significant adverse findings regarding any insurance company subsidiary of the Company.

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's insurance subsidiaries were assessed immaterial amounts in 2006, which will be partially offset by credits against future state premium taxes.

In addition, many states, including the states in which the Company's 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 Protective Life 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's insurance subsidiaries are domiciled impose certain restrictions on the insurance subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends to Protective Life Corporation. 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 2007 is estimated to be \$446.7 million. No assurance can be given that more stringent restrictions will not be adopted from time to time by states in which the Company's insurance subsidiaries are domiciled; such restrictions could have the effect, under certain circumstances, of significantly reducing dividends or other amounts payable to the Company by such subsidiaries without affirmative prior approval by state regulatory authorities.

The Company's 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's subsidiaries are subject to regulation under the federal securities laws administered by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("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 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included herein.

## **Employees**

At December 31, 2006, the Company had 2,743 employees, including 1,246 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 2006 was approximately \$10.7 million. In addition, substantially all of the employees are covered by a defined benefit pension plan. The Company also matches employee contributions to its 401(k) Plan and makes discretionary profit sharing contributions for employees not otherwise covered by a bonus or sales incentive plan. See Note 12 to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## **Executive Officers**

The executive officers of the Company as of March 1, 2007 are as follows:

Name	Age	Position
John D. Johns	55	Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer, and a Director
Richard J. Bielen	46	Executive Vice President, Chief Investment Officer, and Treasurer

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R. Stephen Briggs	57	Executive Vice President, Life and Annuity
Gary Corsi	52	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
D. Scott Adams	42	Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer
Brent E. Griggs	51	Senior Vice President, Asset Protection
Kevin J. Howard	47	Senior Vice President and Chief Product Actuary, Life and Annuity
Carolyn King	56	Senior Vice President, Acquisitions
Carolyn M. Johnson	46	Senior Vice President, Chief Operations and Technology Officer
Deborah J. Long	53	Senior Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel
Wayne E. Stuenkel	53	Senior Vice President and Chief Actuary
Carl S. Thigpen	50	Senior Vice President and Chief Mortgage and Real Estate Officer
Steven G. Walker	47	Senior Vice President, Controller, and Chief Accounting Officer
Judy Wilson	48	Senior Vice President, Stable Value Products

All executive officers are elected annually and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. None of the executive officers are related to any director of the Company 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 1997. Mr. Johns has been employed by the Company and its subsidiaries since 1993.

Mr. Bielen has been Executive Vice President, Chief Investment Officer, and Treasurer since September 2006. From January 2002 to September 2006, he was Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer. Mr. Bielen has been employed by the Company and its subsidiaries since 1991.

Mr. Briggs has been Executive Vice President, Life and Annuity, of the Company since January 2003. From October 1993 to January 2003, he served as Executive Vice President, Individual Life Division. Mr. Briggs has been associated with the Company and its subsidiaries since 1971.

Mr. Corsi has been Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company since September 2006. From June 2003 to September 2006, Mr. Corsi was Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Sun Life Financial U.S. From 2002 to June 2003, he held the interim position of Chief Internal Auditor for Sun Life Financial's worldwide operations. From 1998 to 2002, Mr. Corsi was President and Chief Executive Officer of Spectrum Investment Management, Inc.

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. He served as Vice President, Operations of the Asset Protection Division of Protective Life Insurance Company from January 1998 to February 2003. Mr. Griggs has been employed by the Company and its subsidiaries since 1997.

Mr. Howard has been Senior Vice President and Chief Product Actuary, Life and Annuity of the Company since November 2006. Mr. Howard served as Vice President and Chief Product Actuary, Life and Annuity of the Company from April 2005 to November 2006. From April 2000 to April 2005, he served as Vice President, Product Development of Empire General Life Assurance Corporation, a subsidiary of the Company.

Ms. King has been Senior Vice President, Acquisitions of the Company since December 2003. Ms. King served as Senior Vice President, Life and Annuity of the Company from January 2003 until December 2003. From April 1995 to January 2003, she served as Senior Vice President, Investment Products Division.

Ms. Johnson has been Senior Vice President, Chief Operations and Technology Officer of the Company since November 2006. Ms. Johnson served as Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Life and Annuity of the Company from August 2004 to November 2006. From 2003 to 2004, she served as Senior Vice President, Bankers Life and Casualty. Ms. Johnson was Senior Vice President of AEGON's Western Reserve Life from 2000 to 2003.

Ms. Long has been Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of the Company since November 1996. Ms. Long has been employed by the Company and its subsidiaries since 1994.

Mr. Stuenkel has been Senior Vice President and Chief Actuary of the Company since March 1987. Mr. Stuenkel has been employed by the Company and its subsidiaries since 1978.

Mr. Thigpen has been Senior Vice President and Chief Mortgage and Real Estate Officer of the Company since January 2002. From March 2001 to January 2002, he was Senior Vice President, Investments. Mr. Thigpen has been employed by the Company and its subsidiaries since 1984.

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. From November 1998 through July 2002, Mr. Walker served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Aon Integramark.

Ms. Wilson has been Senior Vice President, Stable Value Products of the Company since January 1995. Ms. Wilson has been employed by the Company and its subsidiaries since 1991.

Certain of these executive officers also serve as executive officers and/or directors of various other Company subsidiaries.

#### **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, pandemic, or an outbreak of an easily communicable disease could adversely affect the mortality or morbidity experience of the Company or its reinsurers. 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 lower 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 downgrade could adversely affect the Company's ability to compete.***

Rating organizations periodically review the financial performance and condition of insurers, including the Company's subsidiaries. In recent years, downgrades of insurance companies have occurred with increasing frequency. A downgrade in the rating of the Company's 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 and funding agreements.

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 second 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, 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, are 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 revision 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 life 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 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 share owners. At any given time, a number of financial and/or market conduct examinations of the Company's subsidiaries may be ongoing. The Company's 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. From time to time, regulators raise issues during examinations or audits of the Company's subsidiaries that could, if determined adversely, have a material impact on the Company.

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 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, 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 AG38 and Regulation XXX, which may 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 are studying 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 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 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's 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’s 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 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 lawsuit is currently pending against the Company in connection with this business. The Company is also defending litigation challenging its practices relating to issuing refunds of unearned premiums upon termination of credit insurance.

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 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.

***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. 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 purchase 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 will be 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 by it. 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 capital market 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 recently has implemented and plans to continue to implement a reinsurance program through the use of a captive reinsurer. 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 capital markets, 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 if a security breach results in the disclosure of personally identifiable customer information. Any compromise of the security of the Company's computer systems that result in inappropriate 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 the capital markets through securitization. A disruption in the securitization marketplace, 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.***

Like all publicly traded companies, the Company is required to comply with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). A number of organizations are instrumental in the development and interpretation of U.S. GAAP such as the Securities and Exchange Commission ("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.

In addition, the Company's 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 taskforces and committees as well as state insurance departments in an effort to address emerging issues and otherwise improve or alter financial reporting. Various proposals are currently pending before committees and taskforces 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 do so 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.

#### **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

None.

#### **Item 2. Properties**

The Company's Home Office is located at 2801 Highway 280 South, Birmingham, Alabama. The original 142,000 square-foot building was completed in 1976 and a second 220,000 square-foot building was completed in 1985. Additionally, the Company leases a third 315,000 square-foot building. Parking is provided for approximately 2,760 vehicles.

The Company leases administrative and marketing office space in 24 cities, including 11,428 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 \$7.7 million.

The Company believes its properties are adequate and suitable for its business as currently conducted and are adequately maintained. The above properties do not include properties the Company owns 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 "Risk Factors and Cautionary Factors that may Affect Future Results" included herein.

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

No matter was submitted during the fourth quarter of 2006 to a vote of security holders of the Company.

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

The Company's Common Stock is listed and principally traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE symbol: PL). The following table sets forth the highest and lowest closing prices of the Company's Common Stock, \$0.50 par value, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange during the periods indicated, along with the dividends paid per share of Common Stock during the same periods.

	<b>Range</b>		
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Dividends</b>
<b>2005</b>			
First Quarter	\$ 43.33	\$38.99	\$ .175
Second Quarter	42.27	37.39	.195
Third Quarter	44.44	39.80	.195
Fourth Quarter	44.83	41.07	.195
<b>2006</b>			
First Quarter	\$ 49.74	\$44.20	\$ .195
Second Quarter	50.40	43.44	.215
Third Quarter	47.16	43.04	.215
Fourth Quarter	47.55	43.97	.215

On February 15, 2007, there were approximately 1,773 owners of record of Company Common Stock.

The Company (or its predecessor) has paid cash dividends each year since 1926 and each quarter since 1934. The Company expects to continue to pay cash dividends, subject to the earnings and financial condition of the Company and other relevant factors. The ability of the Company to pay cash dividends is dependent in part on cash dividends received by the Company from its life insurance subsidiaries. See Item 7 - "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources" included herein. Such subsidiary dividends are restricted by the various insurance laws of the states in which the subsidiaries are incorporated. See Item 1 - "Business - Regulation".

The following table provides information regarding the common stock of the Company that is authorized for issuance under various equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2006.

**Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans**

<b>Plan category</b>	<b>Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)</b>	<b>Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)</b>	<b>Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column</b>
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Equity compensation plans approved by share owners	1,872,856 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$29.33 <sup>(2)</sup>	3,362,925 <sup>(3)</sup>
Equity compensation plans not approved by share owners	1,044,444 <sup>(4)</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable <sup>(5)</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,917,300<sup>(1)(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$29.33<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>3,362,925<sup>(3)(6)</sup></b>
(1)	Includes (a) 1,155,946 shares of common stock issuable with respect to outstanding stock appreciation rights ("SARs") granted under the Long-Term Incentive Plan, (assuming for this purpose that one share of common stock will be issued with respect to each outstanding SAR); and (b) 716,910 shares of common stock issuable with respect to outstanding performance share awards granted under the Long-Term Incentive Plan (assuming maximum earn-out of the awards).		
(2)	Based on exercise prices of outstanding SARs.		
(3)	Represents (a) 3,270,686 shares of common stock available for future issuance under the Long-Term Incentive Plan; and (b) 92,239 shares of common stock available for future issuance under the Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors.		
(4)	Includes (a) 100,050 shares of common stock issuable with respect to stock equivalents pursuant to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors Who Are Not Employees of the Company; (b) 768,960 shares of common stock issuable with respect to stock equivalents pursuant to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Officers; and (c) 175,434 shares of common stock issuable with respect to stock equivalents pursuant to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Sales Managers, Agents and Representatives.		
(5)	The plans listed in (4) above do not currently have limits on the number of shares of common stock issuable thereunder. The total number of shares of common stock that may be issuable thereunder will depend upon, among other factors, the deferral elections made by participants in such plans.		
(6)	Plus any shares that become issuable under the plans listed in (4) above.		

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data

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	Year Ended December 31				
	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
	(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)				
<b>INCOME STATEMENT DATA</b>					
Premiums and policy fees	\$ 2,317,337	\$ 1,955,780	\$ 1,821,094	\$ 1,667,725	\$ 1,561,717
Reinsurance ceded	(1,371,215)	(1,226,857)	(1,125,646)	(934,435)	(751,396)
Net of reinsurance ceded	946,122	728,923	695,448	733,290	810,321
Net investment income	1,419,778	1,180,502	1,084,217	1,030,752	1,022,953
Realized investment gains (losses)					
Derivative financial instruments	(21,516)	(30,881)	19,591	12,550	28,308
All other investments	104,084	49,393	28,305	58,064	910
Other income	230,665	181,267	161,014	122,869	100,196
Total revenues	2,679,133	2,109,204	1,988,575	1,957,525	1,962,688
Benefits and expenses	2,247,225	1,732,191	1,603,374	1,632,113	1,697,645
Income tax expense	150,347	130,446	134,820	108,362	87,688
Change in accounting principle <sup>(1)</sup>	0	0	(15,801)	0	0
Net income	\$ 281,561	\$ 246,567	\$ 234,580	\$ 217,050	\$ 177,355
<b>PER SHARE DATA</b>					
Net income from continuing operations <sup>(2)</sup> - basic	\$ 3.98	\$ 3.49	\$ 3.56	\$ 3.10	\$ 2.54
Net income - basic	\$ 3.98	\$ 3.49	\$ 3.34	\$ 3.10	\$ 2.54
Average shares outstanding - basic	70,795,453	70,562,186	70,299,470	70,033,288	69,923,955
Net income from continuing operations <sup>(2)</sup> - diluted	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.52	\$ 3.07	\$ 2.52
Net income - diluted	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.30	\$ 3.07	\$ 2.52
Average shares outstanding - diluted	71,390,513	71,350,541	71,064,539	70,644,642	70,462,797
Cash dividends	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.685	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.59
Share-owners' equity	\$ 33.06	\$ 31.33	\$ 31.19	\$ 29.02	\$ 25.06

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

(2) Net income excluding change in accounting principle.

	December 31				
	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>BALANCE SHEET DATA</b>					
Total assets	\$39,795,294	\$28,966,993	\$27,211,378	\$24,517,615	\$21,893,403
	14,330,909	9,490,007	8,342,334	7,336,341	6,789,557

Total stable value contract and annuity account balances<sup>(3)</sup>

Non-recourse funding obligations	425,000	125,000	0	0	0
Liabilities related to variable interest entities	420,395	448,093	482,434	400,000	0
Long-term debt	479,132	482,532	451,433	461,329	406,110
Subordinated debt securities	524,743	324,743	324,743	221,650	215,000
Shares-owners' equity	2,313,075	2,183,660	2,166,327	2,002,144	1,720,702

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

Note: Certain reclassifications have been made in the previously reported financial information to make the prior period amounts comparable to those of the current period. Such reclassifications had no effect on previously reported net income or share-owners' equity.

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

This Management's Discussion and Analysis should be read in its entirety, since it contains detailed information that is important to understanding the Company's results and financial condition. The Overview below is qualified in its entirety by the full Management's Discussion and Analysis.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS - CAUTIONARY LANGUAGE

This report reviews the Company's financial condition and results of operations including its liquidity and capital resources. Historical information is presented and discussed. 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 the Company 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 "Risk Factors and Cautionary Factors that may Affect Future Results" herein for more information about factors which could affect future results.

### OVERVIEW

Protective Life Corporation (the "Company") is a holding company whose subsidiaries provide financial services through the production, distribution, and administration of insurance and investment products. Founded in 1907, Protective Life Insurance Company is the Company's largest operating subsidiary. Unless the context otherwise requires, the "Company" refers to the consolidated group of Protective Life Corporation 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 unallocated 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 Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information," and makes adjustments to its 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 the Company's business is internally assessed. Although the items excluded from segment operating income may be significant components in understanding and assessing the Company's overall financial performance, management believes that segment operating income enhances an investor's understanding of the Company's results of operations by highlighting the income (loss) attributable to the normal, recurring operations of the Company's business. Note that the Company's segment operating income measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

The Company achieved growth in operating earnings in 2006 in its Life Marketing and Acquisitions segments. The completion of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition in July 2006 represents the most significant acquisition in the Company's history. Operating earnings were down in 2006 compared to the prior year in the Company's other segments primarily due to a bad debt charge in the Asset Protection segment, favorable DAC unlocking in 2005 which increased earnings in 2005 in the Annuities segment, and lower investment income and higher interest expense (both related to the Chase Insurance Group acquisition) in the Corporate and Other segment. Historically low interest rates continued to create a challenge for the Company's products that generate investment spread profits, such as fixed annuities and stable value contracts. However, active management of crediting rates on these products allowed the Company to minimize spread compression effects. Strong competitive pressures on pricing, particularly in the Company's life insurance business, continued to present a challenge from a new sales perspective. However, the Company's continued focus on delivering value to consumers and broadening its base of distribution allowed for solid product sales during the year. Increasing costs of reinsurance continues to present the Company with challenges from both a new product pricing and capital management perspective. In response to these challenges, during 2005 the Company reduced its reliance on reinsurance by changing from coinsurance to yearly renewable term reinsurance arrangements and increasing the maximum amount retained on any one life on certain of its newly written traditional life products. Through December 31, 2006, the Company has issued \$425 million of non-recourse funding obligations to fund the additional statutory reserves required as a result of the overall increase in retention levels.

Operating earnings from the Life Marketing segment increased in 2006 due to growth in business in-force as a result of strong sales in prior periods and favorable DAC unlocking results in 2006 versus 2005. 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 during the second half of 2005, and continuing into 2006. Sales of universal life products declined in 2006 as expected, as the Company responded to the higher reserve levels required under Actuarial Guideline 38 ("AG38") by implementing pricing adjustments on certain universal life ("UL") products.

Operating earnings increased 30% in the Acquisitions segment due to the completion of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition effective July 3, 2006. 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. The Company's acquisition capabilities have historically given the Company 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.

The Annuities segment operating income declined in 2006 as the result of favorable unlocking of DAC in the market value adjusted annuity and variable annuity lines during 2005. Excluding the impact of DAC unlocking, segment operating income increased 58% in 2006 compared to the prior year. Increasing account values, improvement in the equity markets, and higher interest spreads combined to generate this increase in earnings in 2006 (excluding the aforementioned DAC unlocking.) Growth in equity markets generally translates into improved earnings in this segment, as fee income based on variable account values increases and claims expense for variable annuity guaranteed minimum death benefits decline in a rising equity market environment.

Spread compression due to increasing short term interest rates combined with a decline in average account values caused operating income to decline 14% in 2006 in the Stable Value Products segment compared to 2005. The segment continues to proactively manage its investment portfolio to minimize spread compression caused by higher credited rates on floating rate contracts. The Company chose not to participate in the institutional funding agreement-backed note market during 2006, resulting in the decline in average account balances.

Operating earnings from the Asset Protection segment declined 61% in 2006 as a result of the impact of bad debt charges of \$27.1 million in the Lender's Indemnity product line. Additional discussion of this event is provided in the results by business segment. Excluding the impact of these charges, operating income for the Asset Protection Segment increased 48% in 2006. The service contract line continues to drive segment results, accounting for 52% and 80%, respectively, of the segment's sales and earnings (exclusive of the bad debt charge) in 2006. Improved loss ratios and proactive expense management resulted in increased earnings from the segment's service contract lines and other products lines. Price increases implemented over the last several years and improvements in the underwriting process have paid off by reducing loss ratios. Lower volume and higher expenses caused earnings to decline in the credit insurance line.

Corporate and Other operating income declined 75% from 2005, due to decreased investment income resulting from lower levels of unallocated capital, lower participating income and prepayment fees from mortgages and real estate, and higher interest expense. Prepayment fee income was particularly strong in 2005 reflecting increased transaction activity within the Company's mortgage portfolio. The overall performance of the Company's investment portfolio continued to be strong, with no significant credit issues in either the securities or mortgage portfolio. Impairment losses declined 52% in 2006 compared to the prior year, reflecting a general improvement in the corporate credit environment.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Company's 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.

The Company incurs 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. Accounting for other intangible assets such as goodwill also requires an estimate of the future profitability of the associated lines of business. 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. At December 31, 2006, the Company had DAC/VOBA and goodwill assets of \$3.2 billion and \$100.5 million, respectively.

The Company has a DAC/VOBA asset of approximately \$193.1 million related to its variable annuity product line with an account balance of \$4.3 billion at December 31, 2006. These amounts include \$128.6 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. The Company monitors the rate of amortization of DAC/VOBA associated with its variable annuity product line. The Company’s 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, result in lower amounts of amortization, and a worsening of equity markets results in higher amounts of amortization. The Company periodically reviews and updates as appropriate its 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 Company also establishes liabilities for guaranteed minimum death benefits (“GMDB”) on its 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 the Company’s GMDB liability. Differences between the actual experience and the assumptions used result in variances in profit and could result in losses. The Company’s GMDB at December 31, 2006 are subject to a dollar-for-dollar reduction upon withdrawal of related annuity deposits on contracts issued prior to January 1, 2003. At December 31, 2006, the total GMDB liability held by the Company was \$2.2 million.

Establishing an adequate liability for the Company’s obligations to its 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 the Company’s historical experience, modified as necessary to reflect anticipated trends and to include provisions for possible adverse deviation. Determining liabilities for the Company’s 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. At December 31, 2006, the Company had total policy liabilities and accruals of \$16.1 billion.

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 the Company to 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 overall by underlying investments in a wide variety of issuers. The Company’s specific accounting policies related to its invested assets are discussed in Notes 2 and 4 to Consolidated Financial Statements. At December 31, 2006, the Company held \$18.6 billion of available-for-sale investments, including \$8.6 billion in investments with a gross unrealized loss of \$195.8 million.

The Company utilizes derivative transactions primarily in order to reduce its 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. The Company employs a variety of methods for determining the fair value of its 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. At December 31, 2006, the fair value of derivatives reported on the Company's balance sheet in "other long-term investments" and "other liabilities" was \$169.3 million and \$116.9 million, respectively.

Determining the Company's obligations to employees under its defined benefit pension plan and stock-based compensation plans requires the use of estimates. The calculation of the liability related to the Company'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. Accounting for other stock-based compensation plans may require the use of option pricing models to estimate the Company'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 Notes 11 and 12 to Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on these plans.

The assessment of potential obligations for tax, regulatory, and litigation matters inherently involve a variety of estimates of potential future outcomes. The Company makes such estimates after consultation with its advisors and a review of available facts.

Table of Contents**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

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

				<b>Change</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>Segment Operating Income</b>					
Life Marketing	\$ 174,189	\$ 163,661	\$ 165,897	6.4%	(1.3)%
Acquisitions	104,534	80,611	87,300	29.7	(7.7)
Annuities	24,645	31,933	16,467	(22.8)	93.9
Stable Value Products	47,073	54,798	53,159	(14.1)	3.1
Asset Protection	9,811	24,901	19,079	(60.6)	30.5
Corporate and Other	11,776	47,229	21,560	(75.1)	119.1
Total segment operating income	372,028	403,133	363,462	(7.7)	10.9
Realized investment gains (losses) - investments <sup>(1)</sup>	81,386	15,803	21,370		
Realized investment gains (losses) - derivatives <sup>(2)</sup>	(21,506)	(41,923)	369		
Income tax expense	(150,347)	(130,446)	(134,820)		
Net income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	281,561	246,567	250,381	14.2	(1.5)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of income tax	0	0	(15,801)		
Net income	\$ 281,561	\$ 246,567	\$ 234,580	14.2	5.1
(1) Realized investment gains (losses) - investments	\$ 104,084	\$ 49,393	\$ 28,305		
Less participating income from real estate ventures	13,494	8,684	0		
Less related amortization of DAC	9,204	24,906	6,935		
	\$ 81,386	\$ 15,803	\$ 21,370		
(2) Realized investment gains (losses) - derivatives	\$ (21,516)	\$ (30,881)	\$ 19,591		
Less settlements on certain interest rate swaps	2,737	11,393	19,222		
Less derivative losses related to certain annuities	(2,747)	(351)	0		
	\$ (21,506)	\$ (41,923)	\$ 369		



Net income for 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 \$59.9 million in 2006, compared to net realized investment losses of \$26.1 million in 2005, a favorable change of \$86.0 million. Following the acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group, the investment portfolio associated with that acquisition was rebalanced to conform to the Company's overall investment and asset/liability matching strategies, resulting in an increase in realized investment gains in 2006. Life Marketing's operating income increased due to growth in business in-force and favorable DAC unlocking. Earnings in the Acquisitions segment increased 30% compared to the prior year, as a result of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition which was completed effective July 3, 2006, and contributed \$29.0 million to the segment's operating income in 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 in 2006 due to favorable DAC unlocking in 2005 that increased prior year earnings by \$16.2 million. Excluding the DAC unlocking, Annuities segment earnings increased 57.8%, 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 48.2% in 2006 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 in 2006.

Net income for 2005 reflected moderate growth in segment operating income compared to 2004, offset by net realized investment losses. Net realized investment losses were \$26.1 million in 2005, compared to net realized investment gains of \$21.7 million in 2004, a change of \$47.8 million. Partially offsetting the change in realized investment gains and losses is the cumulative effect charge of \$15.8 million recorded in 2004 arising from the Company's adoption of SOP 03-1 (see Note 7 to Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion of SOP 03-1). Life Marketing's operating income decreased slightly in 2005 primarily due to favorable expense adjustments that increased earnings in 2004, while the 2005 decline in earnings in the Acquisitions segment was caused by the normal runoff of the segment's previously acquired blocks of business. Favorable unlocking of DAC in the market value adjusted annuity and variable annuity lines, increasing account values, and improvement in the equity markets resulted in earnings that nearly doubled in the Annuities segment in 2005 compared to 2004. Increased average account values and reductions in operating expenses enabled the Stable Value Products segment to increase earnings in 2005 despite tightening spreads. The Asset Protection segment's focus on pricing and underwriting initiatives resulted in steady reductions in 2005 in loss ratios in all core product lines. These improved loss ratios along with continued expense management resulted in an increase to operating income in 2005 in the Asset Protection segment as compared to 2004. Increased investment income resulting from an increase in unallocated capital and higher participating income and prepayment fees from mortgages and real estate generated the increase in operating income for the Corporate and Other segment in 2005.

## **RESULTS BY BUSINESS SEGMENT**

In the following segment discussions, various statistics and other key data the Company uses to evaluate its segments are presented. Sales statistics are used by the Company to measure the relative progress in its 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. 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 the Company's various sales tracking and administrative systems, and are not derived from the Company's financial reporting systems or financial statements. Mortality variances are derived from actual claims compared to expected claims. These variances do not represent the net impact to earnings due to the interplay of reserves and DAC amortization.

### 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 primarily through networks of independent insurance agents and brokers, stockbrokers, direct marketing channels, and independent marketing organizations. Segment results were as follows:

	2006	2005	2004	2006	Change 2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Gross premiums and policy fees	\$ 1,327,865	\$ 1,190,623	\$ 1,026,889	11.5%	15.9%
Reinsurance ceded	(906,590)	(902,055)	(818,207)	0.5	10.2
Net premiums and policy fees	421,275	288,568	208,682	46.0	38.3
Net investment income	308,497	261,859	238,193	17.8	9.9
Other income	137,891	111,202	94,695	24.0	17.4
Total operating revenues	867,663	661,629	541,570	31.1	22.2
<b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>					
Benefits and settlement expenses	535,940	392,448	274,584	36.6	42.9
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	60,227	55,688	58,970	8.2	(5.6)
Other operating expenses	97,307	49,832	42,119	95.3	18.3
Total benefits and expenses	693,474	497,968	375,673	39.3	32.6
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	174,189	163,661	165,897	6.4	(1.3)
<b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>	\$ 174,189	\$ 163,661	\$ 165,897	6.4	(1.3)

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

	2006	2005	2004	2006	Change 2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>Sales By Product</b>					
Traditional	\$ 145,380	\$ 123,882	\$ 171,883	17.4%	(27.9)%
Universal life	75,715	165,368	84,539	(54.2)	95.6
Variable universal life	6,524	5,465	5,236	19.4	4.4
	\$ 227,619	\$ 294,715	\$ 261,658	(22.8)	12.6

**Sales By Distribution Channel**

Brokerage general agents	\$	133,995	\$	140,575	\$	161,145	(4.7)	(12.8)
Independent agents		40,762		75,564		55,929	(46.1)	35.1
Stockbrokers/banks		35,748		65,967		31,711	(45.8)	108.0
BOLI / other		17,114		12,609		12,873	35.7	(2.1)
	\$	227,619	\$	294,715	\$	261,658	(22.8)	12.6

**Average Life Insurance In-Force<sup>(1)</sup>**

Traditional	\$	380,212,243	\$	340,799,613	\$	296,399,244	11.6	15.0
Universal life		50,296,333		45,366,295		40,416,769	10.9	12.2
	\$	430,508,576	\$	386,165,908	\$	336,816,013	11.5	14.7

**Average Account Values**

Universal life	\$	4,744,606	\$	4,110,434	\$	3,614,026	15.4	15.6
Variable universal life		277,988		230,412		190,522	20.6	20.9
	\$	5,022,594	\$	4,340,846	\$	3,804,548	15.7	15.8

**Mortality Experience<sup>(2)</sup>**      \$      6,254      \$      10,557      \$      3,821

(1) Amounts are not adjusted for reinsurance ceded.

(2) Represents a favorable (unfavorable) variance as compared to pricing assumptions. Excludes results related to the Chase Insurance Group which was acquired in the third quarter of 2006.

Operating income increased 6.4% in 2006 compared to 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 \$3.2 million. Operating income decreased slightly in 2005 from 2004 reflecting higher overall benefits and expenses, offset by increased total revenue.

The 31.1% and 22.2% increases in total revenues in 2006 and 2005, respectively, compared to the prior years, are the result of growth of life insurance in-force and average account values, and were partially offset by higher overall benefits and expenses (39.3% and 32.6% higher in 2006 and 2005, respectively, compared to the prior years.) Additionally, during 2005 the Company reduced its reliance on reinsurance (see additional comments below) and entered into a securitization structure to fund the additional statutory reserves required as a result of these changes in the Company's reinsurance arrangements. 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 discussed below, earnings emerge more slowly under a securitization structure relative to the previous reinsurance structure utilized by the Company.

Net premiums and policy fees grew by 46.0% and 38.3% in 2006 and 2005, respectively, 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. Beginning in the second quarter of 2005, the Company reduced its 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 its newly written traditional life products. The Company's maximum retention for newly issued universal life products is \$1,000,000. In addition to

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increasing net premiums, this change will result in higher benefits and settlement expenses, and will cause greater variability in financial results due to fluctuations in mortality results.

Net investment income in the segment increased 17.8% in 2006 and 9.9% in 2005, reflecting the growth of the segment's assets caused by the increase in life reserves, while other income increased 24.0% and 17.4% for 2006 and 2005, respectively, primarily due to additional income from the segment's broker-dealer subsidiary and higher fees generated by a direct marketing subsidiary. The increase in income from the broker-dealer subsidiary is the result of increased fees related to variable annuity managed accounts and higher investment advisory fees. This increase in income was primarily offset by an increase in commission expenses and other operating expenses.

Benefits and settlement expenses were 36.6% and 42.9% higher in 2006 and 2005, respectively, than the prior years 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 gross mortality variance (actual results compared to pricing) for 2006 was \$4.3 million less favorable than 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. During 2005, favorable DAC unlocking on UL products (see below) resulted in an increase to the SOP 03-1 liability and a corresponding increase to benefits and settlement expenses, contributing to the increase in these expenses in 2005 as compared to the prior year.

Amortization of DAC was 8.2% higher in 2006 compared to 2005 primarily due the growth in life insurance in-force, partially offset by DAC unlocking. An evaluation of DAC, including a review of the underlying assumptions of future mortality, expenses, lapses, premium persistency, investment yields, and interest spreads is performed by the Company regularly. The Company adjusted DAC on its West Coast Life UL product during the second quarter of 2006, and for its other UL products during the third quarter of 2006 and the fourth quarter of 2005. 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 for the segment were as follows:

	2006	2005	2004	2006	Change 2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>Insurance Companies:</b>					
First year commissions	\$ 325,722	\$ 346,635	\$ 288,991	(6.0)%	19.9%
Renewal commissions	38,303	33,219	32,985	15.3	0.7
First year ceding allowances	(114,387)	(125,828)	(167,197)	(9.1)	(24.7)
Renewal ceding allowances	(222,083)	(187,002)	(159,383)	18.8	17.3
General & administrative	165,386	175,523	187,892	(5.8)	(6.6)
Taxes, licenses and fees	30,829	31,640	22,852	(2.6)	38.5
Other operating expenses incurred	223,770	274,187	206,140	(18.4)	33.0
Less commissions, allowances & expenses capitalized	(265,533)	(332,495)	(256,336)	(20.1)	29.7
Other operating expenses	(41,763)	(58,308)	(50,196)	(28.4)	16.2
<b>Marketing Companies:</b>					
Commissions	84,143	70,771	62,755	18.9	12.8
Other	54,927	37,369	29,560	47.0	26.4

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Other operating expenses	139,070	108,140	92,315	28.6	17.1
<b>Other operating expenses</b>	<b>\$ 97,307</b>	<b>\$ 49,832</b>	<b>\$ 42,119</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>18.3</b>

The Company utilizes reinsurance for most of its products, with the terms of the reinsurance agreed upon before products are made available for sale. The Company determines its pricing, and analyzes its financial performance, on a net of reinsurance basis with the objective of achieving an attractive return on investment for its shareholders. Generally, the Company's profits emerge as a level percentage of premium for Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 60 ("SFAS 60") products and as a level percentage of estimated gross profits for Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 97 ("SFAS 97") products. Under both SFAS 60 and 97, the amount of earnings and investment will vary with the utilization of reinsurance. In addition, the utilization of reinsurance can cause fluctuations in individual income and expense line items from year to year. Consideration of all components of the segment's income statement, including amortization of deferred acquisition costs ("DAC"), is required to assess the impact of reinsurance on segment operating income.

Reinsurance allowances represent the amount the reinsurer is willing to pay for reimbursement of acquisition and other costs incurred by the direct writer of the business. The amount and timing of these allowances are negotiated by the Company and each reinsurer. The Company receives allowances according to the prescribed schedules in the reinsurance contracts, which may or may not bear a relationship to actual operating expenses incurred by the Company. First year commissions 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 commissions paid by the Company. However the pattern of reinsurance allowances does not impact the pattern of earnings from year to year. While the recognition of reinsurance allowances is consistent with U.S. GAAP, non-deferred allowances often exceed the segment's non-deferred direct costs, causing net other operating expenses to be negative. However, consistent with SFAS 60 and SFAS 97, fluctuations in non-deferred allowances tend to be offset by changes in DAC amortization with the resulting profits emerging as a level percentage of premiums for SFAS 60 products and as a level percentage of estimated gross profits for SFAS 97 products.

Reinsurance allowances tend to be highest in the first year of a policy and subsequently decline. Ultimate reinsurance allowances are defined as the level of allowances at the end of a policy's term. The Company's practice is to defer as a component of DAC, reinsurance allowances in excess of the ultimate allowance. This practice is consistent with the Company's practice of deferring direct commissions.

The following table summarizes reinsurance allowances 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 reduce operating expenses in the period received, these amounts represent a net increase to operating income during that period. The amounts capitalized and earned during 2006, 2005, and 2004 are quantified below:

	2006	2005	2004	Change	
				2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Allowances received	\$ 336,470	\$ 312,830	\$ 326,580	7.6%	(4.2)%
Less amount deferred	(203,695)	(175,205)	(198,358)	16.3	11.7
Allowances recognized (reduction in other operating expenses)	\$ 132,775	\$ 137,625	\$ 128,222	(3.5)	7.3

Non-deferred reinsurance allowances of \$132.8 million, \$137.6 million, and \$128.2 million were recognized in 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively, resulting in reductions in operating expenses by these amounts in the same periods. Non-deferred reinsurance allowances decreased 3.5% in 2006 and increased 7.3% in 2005, compared to the prior years. The decrease in 2006 was caused by lower allowances associated with recent reinsurance treaties. In general, allowances negotiated with reinsurers have been declining over the past several quarters as a result of the consolidating reinsurance market. The 2005 increase was primarily the result of increases in the Company's life insurance in-force.

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 97 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 97 DAC amortization. Deferred reinsurance allowances on SFAS 60 policies are recorded as ceded DAC, which is amortized over estimated ceded premiums of the policies in force. Thus, deferred reinsurance allowances on SFAS 60 policies impact SFAS 60 DAC amortization.

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

	2006	2005	2004	Change	
				2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Ceded premiums	\$906,590	\$902,055	\$818,207	0.5%	10.2%
Allowances received	336,470	312,830	326,580	7.6	(4.2)
Net ceded premium	\$570,120	\$589,255	\$491,627	(3.2)%	19.9%

The net ceded premium declined 3.2% in 2006, reflecting the Company's reduced reliance on reinsurance that began in the second quarter of 2005. (See discussion above related to the Company's change in its reinsurance strategy, including its increase in retention levels.) The increase in the net ceded premium in 2005 compared to the prior year is the result of the segment's growth in life insurance in-force. The segment's average life insurance in-force increased 14.7% in 2005 compared to the prior year.

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 its 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 ("IBNR") claims are reviewed by the Company's actuarial staff to ensure that appropriate amounts are ceded.

Ceded policy reserves are calculated by various administrative systems based on the nature of the specific reinsurance transactions and terms of the contracts.

The Company analyzes and monitors the credit worthiness of each of its reinsurance partners to ensure collectibility and minimize collection issues. For reinsurance companies that do not meet predetermined standards, the Company

requires collateral such as assets held in trusts or letters of credit.

Other operating expenses for the insurance companies increased in 2006 from the prior year as a result of higher incurred non-deferrable expenses. Other operating expenses decreased in 2005 as a result of lower expenses incurred per policy issued, combined with higher DAC capitalization driven by the significant growth in UL sales in 2005 as compared to 2004. 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. 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.

Other operating expenses for the segment's marketing companies increased 28.6% and 17.1% for 2006 and 2005, respectively, compared to the prior years, primarily as a result of higher commissions and other expenses in the segment's broker-dealer subsidiary associated with the higher revenue. The broker-dealer subsidiary also incurred additional expenses in 2006 related to new business initiatives.

Sales for the segment declined 22.8% in 2006 versus 2005, primarily due to sharp declines in UL sales. Traditional life sales increased 17.4% in 2006. 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. The Company was able to improve its competitive position with respect to these products in the third quarter of 2005 by reducing its 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 in 2006 is 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 in 2006. BOLI sales can vary widely between periods as the segment responds to opportunities for these products only when required returns can be achieved.

The Company has reduced its reliance on reinsurance for newly written traditional life products by moving towards a securitization structure under which profitability is not expected to emerge immediately after the business is written. In addition, older, more profitable traditional life policies continue to run off in the ordinary course. These two factors combined with financing costs in connection with the securitization structure and the Company's pricing actions to remain competitive in the market are expected to put pressure on the profitability of this segment.

## 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. On July 3, 2006, the Company completed its acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group, which consists 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 the Company's consolidated results of operations beginning July 3, 2006.

Segment results were as follows:

	2006	2005	2004	Change 2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Gross premiums and policy fees	\$ 514,571	\$ 261,003	\$ 276,394	97.2%	(5.6)%
Reinsurance ceded	(256,311)	(74,199)	(72,062)	245.4	3.0
Net premiums and policy fees	258,260	186,804	204,332	38.3	(8.6)

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Net investment income	413,636	223,201	232,499	85.3	(4.0)
Other income	6,038	1,605	2,272	276.2	(29.4)
Total operating revenues	677,934	411,610	439,103	64.7	(6.3)
Realized gains (losses) - investments	73,881	0	0		
Realized gains (losses) - derivatives	(45,165)	0	0		
Total revenues	706,650	411,610	439,103		
<b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>					
Benefits and settlement expenses	494,533	273,626	287,356	80.7	(4.8)
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs and value of businesses acquired	52,038	27,072	28,652	92.2	(5.5)
Other operating expenses	26,829	30,301	35,795	(11.5)	(15.3)
Operating benefits and expenses	573,400	330,999	351,803	73.2	(5.9)
Amortization of DAC/VOBA related to realized gains (losses) - investments	6,776	0	0		
Total benefits and expenses	580,176	330,999	351,803		
<b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>					
	126,474	80,611	87,300	56.9	(7.7)
Less realized gains (losses) - investments	28,716	0	0		
Less related amortization of DAC	(6,776)	0	0		
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	\$ 104,534	\$ 80,611	\$ 87,300	29.7	(7.7)

The following table summarizes key data for the Acquisitions segment:

	2006	2005	2004	Change	
				2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>Average Life Insurance In-Force<sup>(1)</sup></b>					
Traditional	\$ 235,299,391	\$ 10,786,754	\$ 11,694,948	2081.4%	(7.8)%
Universal life	33,241,672	17,178,862	18,077,468	93.5	(5.0)
	\$ 268,541,063	\$ 27,965,616	\$ 29,772,416	860.3	(6.1)
<b>Average Account Values</b>					
Universal life	\$ 3,098,263	\$ 1,706,082	\$ 1,723,647	81.6	(1.0)
Fixed annuity <sup>(2)</sup>	5,419,865	213,530	218,087	2438.2	(2.1)
Variable annuity	193,616	76,033	89,327	154.6	(14.9)
	\$ 8,711,744	\$ 1,995,645	\$ 2,031,061	336.5	(1.7)
<b>Interest Spread - UL &amp; Fixed Annuities</b>					
Net investment income yield	6.34%	7.00%	7.17%		



Interest credited to policyholders	4.11	5.15	5.22
Interest spread	2.23%	1.85%	1.95%
<b>Mortality Experience<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 7,087</b>	<b>\$ 4,815</b>	<b>\$ 5,364</b>

(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 a favorable variance as compared to pricing assumptions. Excludes results related to the Chase Insurance Group which was acquired in the third quarter of 2006.

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. As previously discussed, the Company 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.

Net premiums and policy fees increased 38.3% in 2006 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 in 2006 compared to 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. The segment continues to review credited rates on UL and annuity business to minimize the impact of lower earned rates on interest spreads.

Benefits and settlement expenses for 2006 are 80.7% higher than 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 11.5% from 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.

Operating income was 7.7% lower in 2005 compared to 2004 due to the steady decline in the segment's closed blocks of business. In addition to the expected decline resulting from the runoff of business, net premiums and policy fees were additionally decreased in 2005 by payments of amounts due under two reinsurance treaties. While this had no net income impact, the payments decreased net premiums and policy fees by \$3.9 million, benefits and settlement expenses by \$3.5 million, and other operating expenses by \$0.3 million. The 2005 decline in net investment income is due to the runoff of business combined with lower overall earned rates in 2005. The interest spread was 10 basis points lower in 2005 than in 2004.

Benefits and settlement expenses continued to decrease in 2005 compared to 2004 due to the decline in business in-force as well as normal fluctuations in mortality. The 2005 decrease also includes the impact of the reinsurance payments mentioned above. Amortization of DAC decreased in 2005 due to the overall decline in business. Other operating expenses decreased during 2005 due to lower commissions resulting from lower net premiums, reductions in other general expenses, and the reinsurance payments discussed above.

## Annuities

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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. Segment results were as follows:

	2006	2005	2004	Change	
				2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Gross premiums and policy fees	\$ 32,074	\$ 31,810	\$ 30,341	0.8%	4.8%
Reinsurance ceded	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Net premiums and policy fees	32,074	31,810	30,341	0.8	4.8
Net investment income	225,160	218,700	210,888	3.0	3.7
Realized gains (losses) - derivatives	(2,747)	(351)	0	682.6	n/a
Other income	10,436	7,772	7,004	34.3	11.0
Operating revenues	264,923	257,931	248,233	2.7	3.9
Realized gains (losses) - investments	4,697	30,980	9,873		
Total revenues	269,620	288,911	258,106		
<b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>					
Benefits and settlement expenses	191,238	187,791	183,271	1.8	2.5
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	25,444	12,606	25,336	101.8	(50.2)
Other operating expenses	23,596	25,601	23,159	(7.8)	10.5
Operating benefits and expenses	240,278	225,998	231,766	6.3	(2.5)
Amortization of DAC related to realized gains (losses) - investments	2,428	24,906	6,935		
Total benefits and expenses	242,706	250,904	238,701		
<b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>					
	26,914	38,007	19,405	(29.2)	95.9
Less realized gains (losses) - investments	4,697	30,980	9,873		
Less related amortization of DAC	(2,428)	(24,906)	(6,935)		
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	\$ 24,645	\$ 31,933	\$ 16,467	(22.8)	93.9

The following table summarizes key data for the Annuities segment:

	2006	2005	2004	Change	
				2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>Sales</b>					
Fixed annuity	\$ 878,178	\$ 275,038	\$ 443,170	219.3%	(37.9)%
Variable annuity	322,762	312,211	282,926	3.4	10.4
	\$ 1,200,940	\$ 587,249	\$ 726,096	104.5	(19.1)

**Average Account Values**

Fixed annuity <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 3,608,819	\$ 3,448,977	\$ 3,228,976	4.6	6.8
Variable annuity	2,399,832	2,221,881	2,022,101	8.0	9.9
	\$ 6,008,651	\$ 5,670,858	\$ 5,251,077	6.0	8.0

**Interest Spread - Fixed Annuities<sup>(2)</sup>**

Net investment income yield	6.17%	6.26%	6.45%		
Interest credited to policyholders	5.32	5.45	5.61		
Interest spread	0.85%	0.81%	0.84%		

	As of December 31			Change	
	2006	2005	2004	2006	2005
<b>GMDB - Net amount at risk<sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ 93,888	\$ 142,244	\$ 182,038	(34.0)%	(21.9)%
<b>GMDB - Reserves</b>	\$ 1,784	\$ 2,055	\$ 4,575	(13.2)	(55.1)
<b>S&amp;P 500® Index</b>	1,418	1,248	1,212	13.6	3.0

(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.

Segment operating income declined 22.8% in 2006 from the prior year, while it increased 93.9% in 2005 compared to 2004. Both of these changes were 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 57.8% and decreased 8.1% in 2006 and 2005, respectively, compared to the prior year periods. 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.

Segment operating revenues increased 2.7% and 3.9% in 2006 and 2005, respectively, compared to the prior years. Minor fluctuations in net premiums and policy fees were offset by changes in net investment income and other income. Average account balances grew 6% and 8% in 2006 and 2005, respectively, resulting in higher investment income as well as higher other income, due to an increase in asset-based fees. The additional income resulting from the larger account balances was partially reduced in 2005 by lower interest spreads resulting primarily from a rebalancing of the investment portfolio.

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. The segment continually monitors and adjusts credited rates as appropriate in an effort to maintain its interest spread. Adjustments to credited rates have 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 4 basis points in 2006.

Operating benefits and expenses increased 6.3% in 2006, while they decreased 2.5% in 2005 relative to prior years. These fluctuations are primarily the result of changes in DAC amortization. The Company periodically reviews and updates as appropriate its 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”. DAC amortization for the Annuities segment was reduced \$16.2 million in 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 previously projected spread income. 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.

Total sales were 104.5% higher in 2006 than the prior year. The Chase Insurance Group acquisition (see Note 3 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% in 2006 compared to the prior year. Sales of fixed annuities (excluding the impact of the acquisition) increased 119.0% 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%.

Total sales declined 19.1% in 2005 as compared to 2004. The decline in fixed annuity sales in 2005 was primarily due to the nonrecurring sales of \$122 million of single premium immediate annuities in the fourth quarter of 2004 on an institutional basis in a structured transaction. Sales made through structured transactions are opportunistic in nature and may vary widely between periods. Fixed annuity sales for 2005 were also negatively impacted by lower interest rates. Sales trends showed steady improvement throughout 2005, in part due to increasing sales of the equity indexed annuity product during the second half of the year. Variable annuity sales increased 10.4% in 2005 compared to 2004 as a result of general improvement in the equity markets. In addition to benefiting variable annuity sales, the improved equity markets also reduced the net amount at risk with respect to guaranteed minimum death benefits by 21.9%.

### **Stable Value Products**

The Stable Value Products segment sells 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. Segment results were as follows:

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	2006	2005	2004	2006	Change 2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Net investment income	\$ 325,653	\$ 310,715	\$ 268,184	4.8%	15.9%
Realized gains (losses)	1,161	(16,065)	13,225		
Total revenues	326,814	294,650	281,409		
<b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>					
Benefits and settlement expenses	269,851	246,134	205,168	9.6	20.0
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	4,438	4,694	3,480	(5.5)	34.9
Other operating expenses	4,291	5,089	6,377	(15.7)	(20.2)
Total benefits and expenses	278,580	255,917	215,025	8.9	19.0
<b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>					
	48,234	38,733	66,384	24.5	(41.7)
Less realized gains (losses)	1,161	(16,065)	13,225		
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	\$ 47,073	\$ 54,798	\$ 53,159	(14.1)	3.1

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

	2006	2005	2004	2006	Change 2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>Sales</b>					
GIC	\$ 294,100	\$ 96,350	\$ 59,000	205.2%	63.3%
GFA - Direct Institutional	0	100,000	67,020	n/a	49.2
GFA - Registered Notes - Institutional	0	1,035,000	925,000	n/a	11.9
GFA - Registered Notes - Retail	139,826	180,931	531,560	(22.7)	(66.0)
	\$ 433,926	\$ 1,412,281	\$ 1,582,580	(69.3)	(10.8)
<b>Average Account Values</b>	\$ 5,751,796	\$ 5,872,635	\$ 5,122,170	(2.1)	14.7
<b>Operating Spread</b>					
Net investment income yield	5.78%	5.42%	5.39%		
Interest credited	4.79	4.29	4.12		
Operating expenses	0.15	0.17	0.20		
Operating spread	0.84%	0.96%	1.07%		

Operating income declined 14.1% in 2006 compared to the prior year, 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. The segment continues to review its investment portfolio for opportunities to increase the net investment income yield in an effort to maintain interest spreads.

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Operating income increased modestly in 2005 compared to 2004, as a result of the 14.7% increase in average account balances, partially offset by spread compression of 11 basis points. The growth in average account balances was driven by sales of the segment's registered funding agreement-backed notes program. The primary driver of the spread compression was increasing short term interest rates, resulting in higher interest credited rates.

Total sales declined 69.3% and 10.8% for 2006 and 2005, respectively, compared to the prior year periods. The Company chose not to participate in the institutional funding agreement-backed note market during 2006. The segment no longer markets inflation-adjusted notes, which were first offered in 2004 and accounted for 44% of the segment's retail sales in that year.

### 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 an inventory protection product ("IPP") and a guaranteed asset protection ("GAP") product. On July 14, 2006, the Company completed its 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 result of operations are included in the Company's and the Asset Protection segment's results beginning on July 1, 2006.

Segment results were as follows:

	2006	2005	2004	2006	Change 2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Gross premiums and policy fees	\$ 404,524	\$ 429,903	\$ 439,079	(5.9)%	(2.1)%
Reinsurance ceded	(208,291)	(250,430)	(234,345)	(16.8)	6.9
Net premiums and policy fees	196,233	179,473	204,734	9.3	(12.3)
Net investment income	33,345	32,389	30,939	3.0	4.7
Other income	66,749	46,236	39,680	44.4	16.5
Total operating revenues	296,327	258,098	275,353	14.8	(6.3)
<b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>					
Benefits and settlement expenses	98,418	101,477	121,007	(3.0)	(16.1)
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	71,065	69,474	72,273	2.3	(3.9)
Other operating expenses	117,033	62,246	62,994	88.0	(1.2)
Total benefits and expenses	286,516	233,197	256,274	22.9	(9.0)
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>					
	9,811	24,901	19,079	(60.6)	30.5
<b>INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>					
	\$ 9,811	\$ 24,901	\$ 19,079	(60.6)	30.5

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

	2006	2005	2004	2006	Change 2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>Sales</b>					
Service contracts	\$ 279,781	\$ 228,655	\$ 202,983	22.4%	12.6%
Credit insurance	140,769	208,878	217,585	(32.6)	(4.0)
Other products	115,069	51,232	39,755	124.6	28.9
	\$ 535,619	\$ 488,765	\$ 460,323	9.6	6.2
<b>Loss Ratios<sup>(1)</sup></b>					
Service contracts	66.7%	72.9%	78.4%		
Credit insurance	35.5	36.7	38.3		
Other products	29.2	62.9	69.0		

(1) Incurred claims as a percentage of earned premiums.

Operating income declined 60.6% during 2006 compared to the prior year, 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. The Company 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 Financial LLC ("CENTRIX"), the originator and servicer of the business, and is 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.

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, which will essentially be complete by 2008.

Excluding the impact of the Lender's Indemnity bad debt charges, operating income increased 48.2% for 2006, compared to the prior year. Earnings from core product lines are up \$13.4 million for 2006 compared to the prior year, 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 in 2006 improved \$7.6 million and \$8.5 million, respectively, compared to the prior year. The Western General acquisition completed during the third quarter of 2006 contributed \$3.7 million to service contract earnings in 2006. The improvement in earnings from other products is 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 in 2006 compared to the prior year, primarily due to lower volume and higher expenses. The Company is discontinuing the marketing of credit insurance products through financial institutions.

Operating income increased 30.5% in 2005 compared to 2004 as a result of higher earnings from core product lines. Within the segment's core product lines, service contract and credit insurance earnings improved \$3.3 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, compared to the prior year, while earnings from other products increased \$2.1 million. These positive results were partially offset by the lack of income from the sale of inactive charters in 2005, compared to charter sale gains of \$1.2 million in 2004. Results from lines the segment is no longer marketing were relatively unchanged in 2005 from 2004.

Net premiums and policy fees increased 9.3% in 2006 while they decreased 12.3% in 2005, compared to the prior years. 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). The 2005 decline in net premiums was primarily related to a decrease of \$17.1 million in the credit insurance line, resulting from the decline in business sold through automobile dealers, combined with a \$9.0 million decline in lines the segment is no longer marketing. The declines in both the credit insurance lines and lines the segment is no longer marketing are expected to continue as the business-in-force continues to decline.

Net investment income in 2006 remained comparable to prior periods, while other income increased 44.4% and 16.5% in 2006 and 2005, respectively. The increases in other income are 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 declined in both 2006 and 2005. These decreases are 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 have also been 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 is the result of favorable claims experience, primarily related to the IPP and GAP product lines.

Amortization of DAC is 2.3% higher for 2006 and 3.9% lower for 2005 compared to prior years, reflecting corresponding changes in earned premiums. The 88.0% increase in other operating expenses in 2006 is 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 2006 are 44.5% higher than 2005. This increase is 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. The slight decline in operating expenses in 2005 resulted from lower commissions caused by the drop in net premiums.

Total segment sales increased 9.6% and 6.2% during 2006 and 2005, respectively, compared to prior years. Service contract sales continued to improve throughout 2006, exceeding the prior year by 22.4%. The 2006 improvement in service contract sales is comprised of increases of \$49.6 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, in the vehicle and marine lines. The declines in credit insurance sales are 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. Therefore, these sales are expected to continue to decline in 2007. Other product sales are up in both the IPP and GAP lines, with the GAP product accounting for the majority (approximately 95%) of the increase in 2006.

### **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 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 (primarily cancer insurance, residual value insurance, surety insurance, and group annuities), various investment-related transactions, and the operations of several small subsidiaries.

The following table summarizes results for this segment:

**Change**



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	2006	2005	2004	2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Gross premiums and policy fees	\$ 38,303	\$ 42,441	\$ 48,376	(9.8)%	(12.3)%
Reinsurance ceded	(23)	(173)	(1,017)	(86.7)	(83.0)
Net premiums and policy fees	38,280	42,268	47,359	(9.4)	(10.7)
Net investment income	113,487	133,638	103,514	(15.1)	29.1
Realized gains (losses) - investments	13,494	8,684	0		
Realized gains (losses) - derivatives	2,737	11,393	19,222		
Other income	9,551	14,452	17,363	(33.9)	(16.8)
Total operating revenues	177,549	210,435	187,458	(15.6)	12.3
Realized gains (losses) - investments	11,458	26,045	6,366		
Realized gains (losses) - derivatives	23,052	(42,174)	(790)		
Total revenues	212,059	194,306	193,034	9.1	0.7
<b>BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>					
Benefits and settlement expenses	47,235	51,891	59,051	(9.0)	(12.1)
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	3,388	4,063	4,484	(16.6)	(9.4)
Other operating expenses	115,150	107,252	102,363	7.4	4.8
Total benefits and expenses	165,773	163,206	165,898	1.6	(1.6)
<b>INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>					
	46,286	31,100	27,136	48.8	14.6
Less realized gains (losses) - investments	11,458	26,045	6,366		
Less realized gains (losses) - derivatives	23,052	(42,174)	(790)		
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	\$ 11,776	\$ 47,229	\$ 21,560	(75.1)	119.1

Operating income decreased \$35.5 million in 2006 from 2005, primarily due to lower net investment income and higher interest expense. Operating income increased \$25.7 million in 2005 compared to the prior year, primarily due to increased investment income and improved results from runoff lines, offset by a \$3.8 million write-off of capitalized costs associated with internally developed software.

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 the Corporate and Other segment decreased \$20.2 million and increased \$30.1 million for 2006 and 2005, respectively, compared to the prior year, while net premiums and policy fees declined \$4.0 million and \$5.1 million for 2006 and 2005, respectively, compared to the prior years.

The \$20.2 million decrease in net investment income for 2006 compared to 2005 is primarily the result of a \$15.3 million 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 & Other segment for 2006. Conversely, the increased level of unallocated capital in 2005 accounted for approximately \$18.4 million of the \$30.1 million increase in net investment income in 2005 as compared to 2004. A \$22.5 million increase in participating income and prepayment fees from mortgages and real estate in 2005 was partially offset by lower income on trading securities of \$10.8 million in 2005 compared to 2004.

The declines in net premiums and policy fees in both 2006 and 2005 compared to the prior year periods are the expected result of the runoff of business in the non-strategic lines of business which are no longer being marketed by the Company. Net premiums and policy fees are expected to continue to decline as the business in the non-strategic lines continues to run off.

Benefits and settlement expenses declined 9.0% and 12.1% in 2006 and 2005, respectively, compared to prior years. These declines are the expected result of declines in the non-strategic lines of business which are no longer being marketed by the Company, and correspond to the declines in net premiums and policy fees. The net operating loss from the non-strategic lines was \$16.5 million in 2006 compared to \$15.0 million in 2005, an increase of \$1.5 million. 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 increased 7.4% and 4.8% in 2006 and 2005, respectively, compared to the prior years. The 2006 increase is primarily due to a \$19.9 million increase in interest expense resulting from increased borrowings, including the \$200.0 million of 7.25% Capital Securities issued during 2006 and \$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 of \$4.0 million, and a decrease in other corporate overhead of \$8.0 million. Included in the \$8.0 million reduction in other corporate overhead was a \$1.6 million reduction in expenses associated with the Company's 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. The 2005 increase in other operating expenses, compared to 2004, was the result of higher interest expense and a \$3.8 million write-off of capitalized costs associated with internally developed software.

### Realized Gains and Losses

The following table presents realized investment gains and losses for the periods shown:

	2006	2005	2004	Change	
				2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Fixed maturity gains - sales	\$ 79,890	\$ 83,602	\$ 50,916	\$ (3,712)	\$ 32,686
Fixed maturity losses - sales	(35,251)	(27,609)	(7,234)	(7,642)	(20,375)
Equity gains - sales	296	1,285	3,863	(989)	(2,578)
Equity losses - sales	(7)	(1,028)	(214)	1,021	(814)
Impairments on fixed maturity securities	(5,689)	(11,745)	(14,667)	6,056	2,922
Impairments on equity securities	0	(53)	(3,591)	53	3,538
Mark to market - Modco trading portfolios	44,552	0	0	44,552	0
Other	20,293	4,941	(768)	15,352	5,709

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Total realized gains (losses) - investments	\$ 104,084	\$ 49,393	\$ 28,305	\$ 54,691	\$ 21,088
Foreign currency swaps	\$ 3,765	\$ (33,126)	\$ 519	\$ 36,891	\$ (33,645)
Foreign currency adjustments on stable value contracts	(3,389)	33,452	(44)	(36,841)	33,496
Derivatives related to corporate debt	771	1,669	17,601	(898)	(15,932)
Derivatives related to mortgage loan commitments	26,712	(10,344)	(1,652)	37,056	(8,692)
Embedded derivatives related to reinsurance	(44,491)	(1,338)	(1,160)	(43,153)	(178)
Other derivatives	(4,884)	(21,194)	4,327	16,310	(25,521)
Total realized gains (losses) - derivatives	\$ (21,516)	\$ (30,881)	\$ 19,591	\$ 9,365	\$ (50,472)

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. The change in net realized investment gains for 2006 and 2005, excluding impairments, reflects the normal operation of the Company's asset/liability program within the context of the changing interest rate environment. Additionally, following the acquisition of the Chase Insurance Group, the investment portfolio associated with that acquisition was rebalanced to conform to the Company's overall investment and asset/liability matching strategies, resulting in an increase in realized investment gains in 2006. The reduction in impairments from 2004 to 2006 reflects general improvement in the corporate credit environment. Additional details on the Company's investment performance and evaluation is provided in the section entitled "Consolidated Investments" included herein.

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. The Company has 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. The Company recorded net realized gains of \$0.4 million from these securities during 2006. These changes were the result of differences in the related foreign currency spot and forward rates used to value the stable value contracts and foreign currency swaps. The Company also uses interest rate swaps to mitigate interest rate risk related to its Senior Notes, Medium-Term Notes, and subordinated debt securities. Higher short-term interest rates during 2006 caused the 2006 results from these swaps to compare unfavorably with the 2005 results. The Company has taken short positions in U.S. Treasury futures to mitigate interest rate risk related to the Company's mortgage loan commitments. The changes in net gains (losses) from these securities were the result of fluctuations in interest rates and adjustments to the Company's short positions during the respective periods.

The Company is 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 losses on these embedded derivatives were due to decreasing interest rates during the second-half of 2006. The investment portfolios that support the related modified coinsurance reserves and funds withheld had mark-to-market gains that substantially offset the losses on these embedded derivatives.

The Company also uses various swaps, options, and swaptions to mitigate risk related to other interest rate exposures of the Company. For a portion of the change, a \$10.2 million increase in realized gains (losses) during 2006, resulted from higher interest rates, which impacted the fair value of certain interest rate swaps and options. Interest rate

swaptions generated a \$2.2 million realized gain in 2006 due to higher interest rates along the swap curve. An additional decrease of \$5.1 million during 2006 was related to embedded derivatives within annuity products. Equity call options increased by \$2.7 million during 2006.

## CONSOLIDATED INVESTMENTS

### Portfolio Description

The Company's investment portfolio consists primarily of fixed maturity securities (bonds and redeemable preferred stocks) and commercial mortgage loans. Within its fixed maturity securities, the Company maintains portfolios classified as "available for sale" and "trading". The Company generally purchases its investments with the intent to hold to maturity by purchasing investments that match future cash flow needs. However, the Company may sell any of its investments to maintain proper matching of assets and liabilities. Accordingly, the Company has classified \$17.4 billion or 81.6% of its fixed maturities and certain other securities as "available for sale." These securities are carried at fair value on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Changes in fair value, net of related DAC and VOBA, are charged or credited directly to share-owners' equity. Changes in fair value that are other than temporary are recorded as realized losses in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

The Company's trading portfolio, which accounts for \$3.9 billion or 18.4% of the Company's fixed maturities, consists of two major categories. First, the Company consolidates a special-purpose entity, in accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities," ("FIN 46"), whose investments are managed by the Company. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, fixed maturities with a market value of \$404.4 million and \$408.4 million, respectively, and short-term investments with a market value of \$8.4 million and \$3.5 million, respectively, were classified as "trading" securities related to this special-purpose entity. Additionally, at December 31, 2006, the Company holds fixed maturities with a market value of \$3.5 billion and short-term investments with a market value of \$302.7 million, which were added as part of the Chase Insurance Group acquisition. Investment results for these 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.

The Company's investments in debt and equity securities are reported at market value, and investments in mortgage loans are reported at amortized cost. At December 31, 2006, the Company's fixed maturity investments (bonds and redeemable preferred stocks) had a market value of \$21.4 billion, which is 0.8% above amortized cost of \$21.2 billion. The Company had \$3.9 billion in mortgage loans at December 31, 2006. While the Company's mortgage loans do not have quoted market values, at December 31, 2006, the Company estimates the market value of its mortgage loans to be \$4.0 billion (using discounted cash flows from the next call date), which is 2.6% above amortized cost. Most of the Company's 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.

At December 31, 2005, the Company's fixed maturity investments had a market value of \$15.5 billion, which was 2.0% above amortized cost of \$15.2 billion. The Company estimated the market value of its mortgage loans to be \$3.4 billion at December 31, 2005, which was 4.2% above amortized cost of \$3.3 billion.

The following table shows the reported values of the Company's invested assets.

	<b>December 31</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	(Dollars in thousands)	

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Publicly issued bonds	\$19,226,461	68.8%	\$13,665,615	66.8%
Privately issued bonds	2,140,718	7.7	1,804,263	8.8
Redeemable preferred stock	84	0.0	2,508	0.0
Fixed maturities	21,367,263	76.5	15,472,386	75.6
Equity securities	128,695	0.5	121,012	0.6
Mortgage loans	3,880,028	13.9	3,287,745	16.0
Investment real estate	38,918	0.1	72,932	0.4
Policy loans	839,502	3.0	458,825	2.2
Other long-term investments	310,225	1.1	279,676	1.4
Short-term investments	1,381,073	4.9	776,139	3.8
Total investments	\$27,945,704	100.0%	\$20,468,715	100.0%

Included in the preceding table are \$3.9 billion and \$408.4 million of fixed maturities and \$311.1 million and \$3.5 million of short-term investments classified by the Company as trading securities in 2006 and 2005, respectively.

The increase in the Company's investment portfolio during 2006 is primarily the result of the Chase acquisition, which added \$7.2 billion of invested assets to the Company's portfolio.

Market values for private, non-traded securities are determined as follows: 1) the Company obtains estimates from independent pricing services or 2) the Company 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. The market value of private, non-traded securities was \$2.1 billion at December 31, 2006, representing 7.7% of the Company's total invested assets.

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, 2006, securities with a market value of \$444.5 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 the Company's obligation to return the collateral.

### Risk Management and Impairment Review

The Company monitors the overall credit quality of the Company's portfolio within general guidelines. The following table shows the Company's available for sale fixed maturities by credit rating at December 31, 2006.

S&P or Equivalent Designation	Market Value	Percent of Market Value
	(Dollars in thousands)	
AAA	\$ 7,976,459	45.7%
AA	1,076,217	6.2
A	3,097,199	17.8
BBB	4,955,978	28.4
Investment grade	17,105,853	98.1
BB	223,155	1.3
B	85,754	0.5
CCC or lower	10,000	0.1
In or near default	98	0.0
Below investment grade	319,007	1.9
Redeemable preferred stock	85	0.0

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Total	\$17,424,945	100.0%
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Not included in the table above are \$3.9 billion of investment grade and \$32.3 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 the Company manages credit risk. The following table summarizes the Company's ten largest fixed maturity exposures to an individual creditor group as of December 31, 2006.

<b>Creditor</b>	<b>Market Value</b> (Dollars in millions)
AT&T	\$186.6
Conoco Phillips	127.6
General Electric	125.6
Citigroup	124.4
Comcast	118.6
Duke Energy	116.6
Goldman Sachs	112.3
American International Group	111.8
Dominion Resources	111.2
Toyota Motor	110.3

The Company's 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, the Company engages 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.

The Company generally considers 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 of the Company 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.

The Company generally considers 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. The Company continuously monitors 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 the Company's 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, 2006, 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, the Company's management considers a number of factors in determining if an unrealized loss is other-than-temporary, including its 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. At December 31, 2006, the Company had an overall pre-tax net unrealized gain of \$134.9 million.

For traded and private fixed maturity and equity securities held by the Company that are in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2006, 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.

	<b>Estimated Market Value</b>	<b>% Market Value</b>	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>% Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Unrealized Loss</b>	<b>% Unrealized Loss</b>
(Dollars in thousands)						
<= 90 days	\$ 2,881,720	33.3%	\$ 2,905,087	32.9%	\$ (23,367)	11.9%
>90 days but <= 180 days	128,704	1.5	133,828	1.5	(5,124)	2.6
>180 days but <= 270 days	43,041	0.5	44,159	0.5	(1,118)	0.6
>270 days but <= 1 year	813,450	9.4	835,950	9.5	(22,500)	11.5
>1 year but <= 2 years	4,310,121	49.9	4,422,029	50.0	(111,908)	57.1
>2 years but <= 3 years	327,996	3.8	347,561	3.9	(19,565)	10.0
>3 years but <= 4 years	116,045	1.4	123,980	1.4	(7,935)	4.1
>4 years but <= 5 years	272	0.0	294	0.0	(22)	0.0
>5 years	20,426	0.2	24,726	0.3	(4,300)	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,641,775</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 8,837,614</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ (195,839)</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The unrealized losses as of December 31, 2006, primarily relate to the rising interest rate environment experienced over the past several quarters. At December 31, 2006, securities with a market value of \$20.7 million and \$3.8 million of unrealized losses were issued in Company-sponsored commercial mortgage loan securitizations, including \$3.7 million of unrealized losses greater than five years. The Company does not consider these unrealized positions to

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be other than temporary because the underlying mortgage loans continue to perform consistently with the Company's original expectations.

The Company has no material concentrations of issuers or guarantors of fixed maturity securities. The industry segment composition of all securities in an unrealized loss position held by the Company at December 31, 2006, is presented in the following table.

	<b>Estimated</b>			<b>%</b>		<b>%</b>
	<b>Market</b>	<b>% Market</b>	<b>Amortized</b>	<b>Amortized</b>	<b>Unrealized</b>	<b>Unrealized</b>
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Loss</b>	<b>Loss</b>
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Agency Mortgages	\$ 1,508,936	17.5%	\$ 1,541,965	17.4%	\$ (33,029)	16.9%
Banking	499,158	5.8	509,505	5.8	(10,347)	5.3
Basic Industrial	199,337	2.3	210,964	2.4	(11,627)	5.9
Brokerage	122,312	1.4	124,728	1.4	(2,416)	1.2
Canadian Govt						
Agencies	10,880	0.1	11,044	0.1	(164)	0.1
Capital Goods	81,654	1.0	83,162	0.9	(1,508)	0.7
Communications	210,484	2.4	221,888	2.5	(11,404)	5.8
Consumer Cyclical	187,568	2.2	195,846	2.2	(8,278)	4.2
Consumer Noncyclical	190,500	2.2	195,869	2.2	(5,369)	2.8
Electric	732,408	8.5	757,376	8.6	(24,968)	12.7
Energy	133,058	1.5	138,912	1.6	(5,854)	3.0
Finance Companies	75,768	0.9	76,805	0.9	(1,037)	0.5
Insurance	193,677	2.2	198,166	2.2	(4,489)	2.3
Municipal Agencies	2,175	0.0	2,186	0.0	(11)	0.0
Natural Gas	384,893	4.5	403,260	4.6	(18,367)	9.4
Non-Agency						
Mortgages	2,592,866	30.0	2,619,476	29.7	(26,610)	13.6
Other Finance	287,465	3.3	303,083	3.4	(15,618)	8.0
Other Industrial	46,273	0.5	48,766	0.6	(2,493)	1.3
Other Utility	14,790	0.2	15,044	0.2	(254)	0.1
Technology	78,521	0.9	80,808	0.9	(2,287)	1.2
Transportation	174,291	2.0	179,044	2.0	(4,753)	2.4
U.S. Government	907,825	10.5	912,680	10.3	(4,855)	2.5
U.S. Govt Agencies	6,936	0.1	7,037	0.1	(101)	0.1
Total	\$ 8,641,775	100.0%	\$ 8,837,614	100.0%	\$ (195,839)	100.0%

The range of maturity dates for securities in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2006 varies, with 15.3% maturing in less than 5 years, 23.1% maturing between 5 and 10 years, and 61.6% maturing after 10 years. The following table shows the credit rating of securities in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2006.

<b>S&amp;P or Equivalent Designation</b>	<b>Estimated</b>			<b>%</b>		<b>%</b>
	<b>Market</b>	<b>% Market</b>	<b>Amortized</b>	<b>Amortized</b>	<b>Unrealized</b>	<b>Unrealized</b>
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Loss</b>	<b>Loss</b>
	(Dollars in thousands)					
AAA/AA/A	\$ 6,352,001	73.5%	\$ 6,452,705	73.0%	\$ (100,704)	51.4%
BBB	2,108,727	24.4	2,187,952	24.8	(79,225)	40.5
Investment grade	8,460,728	97.9	8,640,657	97.8	(179,929)	91.9
BB	96,884	1.1	101,508	1.2	(4,624)	2.4



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B	74,194	0.9	82,948	0.9	(8,754)	4.4
CCC or lower	9,969	0.1	12,501	0.1	(2,532)	1.3
Below investment grade	181,047	2.1	196,957	2.2	(15,910)	8.1
Total	\$ 8,641,775	100.0%	\$ 8,837,614	100.0%	\$ (195,839)	100.0%

At December 31, 2006, securities in an unrealized loss position that were rated as below investment grade represented 2.1% of the total market value and 8.1% 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 \$14.5 million. Securities in an unrealized loss position rated less than investment grade were 0.6% of invested assets. The Company generally purchases its investments with the intent to hold to maturity. The Company does not expect these investments to adversely affect its 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.

	Estimated Market Value	% Market Value	Amortized Cost (Dollars in thousands)	% Amortized Cost	Unrealized Loss	% Unrealized Loss
<= 90 days	\$ 9,736	5.4%	\$ 10,164	5.2%	\$ (428)	2.7%
>90 days but <= 180 days	973	0.5	1,031	0.5	(58)	0.4
>180 days but <= 270 days	6,001	3.3	6,605	3.3	(604)	3.8
>270 days but <= 1 year	17,058	9.4	17,391	8.8	(333)	2.1
>1 year but <= 2 years	90,038	49.7	94,231	47.8	(4,193)	26.4
>2 years but <= 3 years	38,690	21.4	45,222	23.0	(6,532)	41.1
>3 years but <= 4 years	115	0.1	146	0.1	(31)	0.1
>4 years but <= 5 years	175	0.1	184	0.1	(9)	0.1
>5 years	18,261	10.1	21,983	11.2	(3,722)	23.4
Total	\$ 181,047	100.0%	\$ 196,957	100.0%	\$ (15,910)	100.0%

At December 31, 2006, below investment grade securities with a market value of \$18.7 million and \$3.3 million of unrealized losses were issued in Company-sponsored commercial mortgage loan securitizations, including securities in an unrealized loss position greater than five years with a market value of \$16.4 million and \$3.2 million of unrealized losses. The Company does not consider these unrealized positions to be other than temporary, because the underlying mortgage loans continue to perform consistently with the Company's original expectations.

### Realized Losses

Realized losses are comprised of both write-downs on other-than-temporary impairments and actual sales of investments. During the year ended December 31, 2006, the Company recorded pre-tax other-than-temporary impairments in its investments of \$5.7 million as compared to \$11.8 million in the year ended December 31, 2005.

As previously discussed, the Company's management considers several factors when determining other than temporary impairments. Although the Company generally intends to hold securities until maturity, the Company may change its position as a result of a change in circumstances. Any such decision is consistent with the Company's classification of all but a specific portion of its investment portfolio as available for sale. During the year ended December 31, 2006, the Company sold securities in an unrealized loss position with a market value of \$5.1 billion resulting in a realized loss of \$35.3 million. 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.

	<b>Proceeds</b>	<b>% Proceeds</b>	<b>Realized Loss</b>	<b>% Realized Loss</b>
		(Dollars in thousands)		
<= 90 days	\$ 3,728,335	73.3%	\$ (5,121)	14.5%
>90 days but <= 180 days	323,803	6.4	(7,045)	20.0
>180 days but <= 270 days	439,533	8.6	(11,134)	31.6
>270 days but <= 1 year	15,587	0.3	(1,455)	4.1
> 1 year	578,649	11.4	(10,503)	29.8
Total	\$ 5,085,907	100.0%	\$ (35,258)	100.0%

See Note 4 to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details on the Company's analysis of its investments.

### **Mortgage Loans**

The Company records 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. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company's allowance for mortgage loan credit losses was \$0.5 million and \$6.8 million, respectively.

For several years the Company has offered a type of commercial mortgage loan under which the Company 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, 2006, approximately \$493.0 million of the Company's mortgage loans have this participation feature.

At December 31, 2006, delinquent mortgage loans and foreclosed properties were 0.1% of invested assets. The Company does not expect these investments to adversely affect its liquidity or ability to maintain proper matching of assets and liabilities.

## **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

### **Liquidity**

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

While the Company generally anticipates that the cash flow of its operating subsidiaries will be sufficient to meet their investment commitments and operating cash needs, the Company recognizes that investment commitments scheduled to be funded may, from time to time, exceed the funds then available. Therefore, the Company has established repurchase agreement programs for certain of its insurance subsidiaries to provide liquidity when needed. The Company expects that the rate received on its investments will equal or exceed its borrowing rate. Additionally, the Company may, from time to time, sell short-duration stable value products to complement its cash management practices. The Company has also used securitization transactions involving its commercial mortgage loans to increase liquidity for the operating subsidiaries.

The Company's positive cash flows from operations are used to fund an investment portfolio that provides for future benefit payments. The Company employs a formal asset/liability program to manage the cash flows of its investment portfolio relative to its long-term benefit obligations.

The life insurance subsidiaries were committed at December 31, 2006, to fund mortgage loans in the amount of \$995.6 million. The Company's subsidiaries held \$1,448.8 million in cash and short-term investments at December 31, 2006. Protective Life Corporation had an additional \$1.8 million in cash and short-term investments available for general corporate purposes.

Protective Life Corporation's primary sources of cash are dividends from its operating subsidiaries; revenues from investment, data processing, legal, and management services rendered to subsidiaries; investment income; and external financing. These sources of cash support the general corporate needs of the holding company including its common stock dividends and debt service. The states in which the Company's insurance subsidiaries are domiciled impose certain restrictions on the insurance subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends to Protective Life Corporation. 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 for Protective Life Corporation. The Company plans to retain substantial portions of the earnings of its insurance subsidiaries in those companies primarily to support their future growth.

### **Capital Resources**

To give the Company flexibility in connection with future acquisitions and other funding needs, the Company has registered debt securities, preferred and common stock, and stock purchase contracts of Protective Life Corporation, and additional preferred securities of special purpose finance subsidiaries under the Securities Act of 1933 on a delayed (or shelf) basis. In October 2004, the Company issued the remaining securities available under the existing shelf registration. In December 2004, the Company filed a new shelf registration for a total of \$750 million in securities, which became effective in January 2005.

At December 31, 2006, the Company's capital structure consisted of Medium-Term Notes, Senior Notes, Subordinated Debentures, and share-owners' equity. The Company also has a \$200 million revolving line of credit, under which it may borrow funds at an interest rate of LIBOR plus 0.30%, with balances due July 30, 2009. At December 31, 2006, \$64.6 million was outstanding 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 indebtedness incurred by the Company and its subsidiaries. Additionally, the line of credit arrangement precludes the Company, on a consolidated basis, from incurring debt in excess of 40% of its total capital. The Company was in compliance with all debt covenants as of December 31, 2006.

On July 3, 2006, in connection with the Chase Insurance Group acquisition, the Company issued \$200 million of 7.25% Capital Securities in the form of junior subordinated debentures due 2066 (the "Capital Securities"), from which net proceeds of approximately \$193.8 million were received. These Capital Securities are reported in the financial statements as "subordinated debt securities."

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The Company's Subordinated Debentures are held by wholly-owned subsidiary trusts that have issued Trust Originated Preferred Securities ("TOPrS") to finance the purchase of such debentures. The principal obligations of the trusts are irrevocably guaranteed by the Company. The subsidiary trusts are not consolidated and, therefore, the Company's obligations with respect to the TOPrS are reported in the financial statements as "subordinated debt securities".

Golden Gate Captive Insurance Company ("Golden Gate"), a special purpose financial captive insurance company wholly owned by Protective Life Insurance Company ("Protective Life"), the Company's largest operating subsidiary, has \$425 million of non-recourse funding obligations outstanding at December 31, 2006, which bear a floating rate of interest and mature in 2037. These non-recourse funding obligations were issued under a surplus notes facility established with certain purchasers through which Golden Gate may issue up to an aggregate of \$600 million of non-recourse funding obligations through June 2007. The non-recourse funding obligations are direct financial obligations of Golden Gate and are not guaranteed by Protective Life or the Company. 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"). Under the terms of the notes, the holders of the notes cannot require repayment from the Company or any of the Company's subsidiaries, other than Golden Gate, the direct issuer of the notes, although the Company has agreed to indemnify Golden Gate for certain costs and obligations (which obligations do not include payment of principle and interest on the notes). In addition, the Company has entered into certain support agreements with Golden Gate obligating the Company 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 the Company's obligations to Golden Gate.

The Company's total debt (consisting of long-term debt and subordinated debt securities) increased \$196.6 million in 2006, compared to an increase of \$31.1 million in 2005. Debt issuances of \$200 million and \$68.0 million in 2006 and 2005, respectively, are detailed below.

Description (scheduled original maturity)	Amount	Interest Rate
(Dollars in thousands)		
<b>2006</b>		
Subordinated Debt Securities (60-year)	\$200,000	7.25%
<b>2005</b>		
Revolving line of credit	\$ 68,000	LIBOR + .30%

Debt reductions, including the net decrease in the revolving line of credit, totaled \$3.4 million and \$36.9 million, respectively, during 2006 and 2005, as shown below.

Description (scheduled original maturity)	Amount	Interest Rate
(Dollars in thousands)		
<b>2006</b>		
Revolving line of credit	\$ 3,400	LIBOR + .30%
<b>2005</b>		
Senior Notes (30-year)	\$ 34,699	8.25%
Other, net	2,202	Various

In May 2004, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a \$100 million share repurchase program, available through May 2, 2007. There has been no activity under this program, and future activity will be dependent upon many factors, including capital levels, rating agency expectations, and the relative attractiveness of alternative uses for

capital.

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 by, 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's insurance subsidiaries. The subsidiaries may secure additional statutory capital through various sources, such as retained statutory earnings or equity contributions by the Company.

Currently, the Company's insurance subsidiaries have statutory surplus and risk-based capital levels well above regulatory required levels. At December 31, 2006, the primary insurance subsidiaries had the following insurer financial strength ratings:

	<b>Standard &amp; Poor's</b>	<b>A.M. Best</b>	<b>Fitch</b>	<b>Moody's</b>
Protective Life Insurance Company	AA	A+	AA-	Aa3
West Coast Life Insurance Company	AA	A+	AA-	Aa3
Empire General Life Assurance Corporation*	AA	A+	AA-	N/A
Protective Life and Annuity Insurance Company	AA	A+	AA-	N/A
Lyndon Property Insurance Company	N/A	A-	N/A	N/A

\* Empire General Life Assurance Corporation was merged into Protective Life Insurance Company effective January 1, 2007.

## **MARKET RISK EXPOSURES AND OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company's 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. The Company analyzes and manages the risks arising from market exposures of financial instruments, as well as other risks, through an integrated asset/liability management process. The Company's 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 the Company's exposure to interest rate risk, inflation risk, currency exchange risk, and equity market risk.

The primary focus of the Company's 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 the Company as a whole. It is the Company's 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 currently used as part of the Company's 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 require the Company 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. The Company also uses S&P 500® options to mitigate its exposure to the value of equity indexed annuity contracts.

The Company believes its asset/liability management programs and procedures and certain product features provide protection for the Company against the effects of changes in interest rates under various scenarios. Additionally, the Company believes its asset/liability management programs and procedures provide sufficient liquidity to enable it to fulfill its obligation to pay benefits under its various insurance and deposit contracts. However, 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), relationships between risk-adjusted and risk-free interest rates, market liquidity and other factors, and the effectiveness of the Company’s 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 the Company’s fixed maturity investments and mortgage loans resulting from a hypothetical immediate 1 percentage point increase in interest rates from levels prevailing at December 31, and the percent change in market value the following estimated market values would represent.

<b>At December 31</b>	<b>Amount (Dollars in millions)</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>2006</b>		
Fixed maturities	\$20,309.6	(5.0)%
Mortgage loans	3,771.3	(5.3)
<b>2005</b>		
Fixed maturities	\$14,599.8	(5.6)%
Mortgage loans	3,246.5	(5.2)

Estimated market values were derived from the durations of the Company’s 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, 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 its commercial mortgage lending operations, the Company 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 the Company’s 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.

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company had outstanding mortgage loan commitments of \$995.6 million and \$979.8 million, respectively, with estimated fair values of \$1,021.8 million and \$1,020.0 million, respectively (using discounted cash flows from the first call date). The following table sets forth the estimated fair value of the Company’s

mortgage loan commitments resulting from a hypothetical immediate 1 percentage point increase in interest rate levels prevailing at December 31, and the percent change in fair value the following estimated fair values would represent.

	At December 31	Amount (Dollars in millions)	Percent Change
			(5.1)
2006	\$ 969.9		%
2005	962.7		(5.6)

The estimated fair values were derived from the durations of the Company's outstanding mortgage loan commitments. While these estimated fair values generally provide an indication of how sensitive the fair value of the Company's 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, the Company utilizes a risk management strategy that involves the use of derivative financial instruments. 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 its overall asset/liability management programs and procedures.

At December 31, 2006, derivative contracts with a notional amount of \$4.4 billion were in a \$126.2 million net gain position. At December 31, 2005, derivative contracts with a notional amount of \$4.4 billion were in a \$72.6 million net gain position. The Company recognized \$(21.5) million, \$(30.9) million, and \$19.6 million of realized investment gains (losses) related to derivative financial instruments in 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

The following table sets forth the December 31 notional amount and fair value of the Company's 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.

	Notional Amount	Fair Value at December 31 (Dollars in millions)	Fair Value Resulting From an Immediate +/-1% Change in Interest Rates	
			+1%	-1%
<b>2006</b>				
Fixed to floating Swaps	\$ 399.5	\$ (10.4)	\$ (31.7)	\$ (2.5)
Floating to fixed Swaps	653.5	(12.5)	21.9	(48.5)
Swaptions	2,150.0	10.4	107.9	0.0
Floating to floating Swaps	800.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	\$ 4,003.0	\$ (12.5)	\$ 98.1	\$ (51.0)
<b>2005</b>				

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Options					
Puts	\$ 1,575.0	\$ 0.2	\$ 34.2	\$ 0.0	
Futures	545.0	(12.0)	50.1	(83.4)	
Fixed to floating					
Swaps	468.7	(6.0)	(28.1)	4.5	
Floating to fixed					
Swaps	678.5	(10.2)	18.5	(40.9)	
Floating to floating					
Swaps	800.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	\$ 4,067.2	\$ (28.0)	\$ 74.7	\$ (119.8)	

The Company is also subject to foreign exchange risk arising from stable value contracts denominated in foreign currencies and related foreign currency swaps. At 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. At December 31, 2005, stable value contracts of \$288.9 million had a foreign exchange loss of approximately \$95.9 million and the related foreign currency swaps had a net unrealized gain of approximately \$105.4 million.

The following table sets forth the notional amount and fair value of the funding agreements and related foreign currency swaps at December 31, 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>2006</b>				
Stable Value Contracts	\$ 288.9	\$ (140.0)	\$ (182.9)	\$ (97.1)
Foreign Currency Swap	288.9	145.1	159.5	130.8
	\$ 577.8	\$ 5.1	\$ (23.4)	\$ 33.7
<b>2005</b>				
Stable Value Contracts	\$ 288.9	\$ (95.9)	\$ (134.4)	\$ (57.5)
Foreign Currency Swap	288.9	105.4	123.8	87.0
	\$ 577.8	\$ 9.5	\$ (10.6)	\$ 29.5

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 the Company's 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.

The Company's stable value contract and annuity products tend to be more sensitive to market risks than the Company's 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 the Company against investment losses if interest rates are higher at the time of surrender



than at the time of issue.

At December 31, 2006, the Company 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). At December 31, 2005, the Company had \$6.1 billion of stable value product account balances with an estimated fair value of \$6.0 billion (using discounted cash flows), and \$3.4 billion of annuity account balances with an estimated fair value of \$3.3 billion (using surrender values).

The following table sets forth the estimated fair values of the Company's stable value and annuity account balances resulting from a hypothetical immediate 1 percentage point decrease in interest rates from levels prevailing at December 31 and the percent change in fair value the following estimated fair values would represent.

<b>At December 31</b>	<b>Amount</b> (Dollars in millions)	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>2006</b>		
Stable value product account balances	\$5,638.5	2.3%
Annuity account balances	9,117.0	4.6
<b>2005</b>		
Stable value product account balances	\$6,130.4	2.1%
Annuity account balances	3,480.5	4.6

Estimated fair values were derived from the durations of the Company's stable value and annuity account balances. While these estimated fair values generally provide an indication of how sensitive the fair values of the Company's 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 the Company's 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.

The Company's runoff residual value line of business exposes the Company 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 the Company's reserves resulting from hypothetical immediate decreases in the assumed levels of used vehicle prices from those used to value the reserves established at December 31, 2006:

	<b>Change in Used Vehicle Prices</b>			
	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>	<b>-5.0%</b>
	(Dollars in millions)			
Reserve Change	\$(2.7)	\$(1.5)	\$1.9	\$4.3

**Contractual Obligations**

The table below sets forth future maturities of debt, non-recourse funding obligations, subordinated debt securities, stable value products, notes payable, operating lease obligations, other property lease obligations, mortgage loan commitments, and liabilities related to variable interest entities.

	Total	Payments due by period			More than 5 years
		Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	
			(Dollars in thousands)		
Long-term debt <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 634,683	\$ 100,907	\$ 38,056	\$ 52,282	\$ 443,438
Non-recourse funding obligations <sup>(b)</sup>	1,294,550	28,050	56,100	56,100	1,154,300
Subordinated debt securities <sup>(c)</sup>	1,988,471	37,147	74,294	74,294	1,802,736
Stable value products <sup>(d)</sup>	6,370,215	1,510,956	2,410,786	1,179,550	1,268,923
Operating leases <sup>(e)</sup>	41,761	7,743	13,694	10,292	10,032
Home office lease <sup>(f)</sup>	106,675	4,401	9,050	9,050	84,174
Mortgage loan commitments	995,622	995,622			
Liabilities related to variable interest entities <sup>(g)</sup>	514,375	22,965	46,273	419,383	25,754
Policyholder obligations <sup>(h)</sup>	18,718,605	1,264,127	2,259,012	2,255,399	12,940,067
Defined benefit pension obligations <sup>(i)</sup>	1,232	1,232			

(a) Long-term debt includes all principal amounts owed on note agreements and expected interest payments due over the term of the notes.

(b) Non-recourse funding obligations include all principal amounts owed on note agreements and expected interest payments due over the term of the notes.

(c) Subordinated debt securities includes all principal amounts owed to non-consolidated special purpose finance subsidiaries of the Company and interest payments due over the term of the obligations.

(d) Anticipated stable value products cash flows including interest.

(e) Includes all lease payments required under operating lease agreements.

(f) 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 into by the Company in January 2007.

(g) Liabilities related to variable interest entities are not the legal obligations of the Company, but will be repaid with cash flows generated by the variable interest entities. The amounts represent scheduled principal and expected interest payments.

(h) 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.

(i) Estimated 2007 contributions to the Company's defined benefit pension plan and unfunded excess benefit plan approximate the projected expense to be recognized in 2007. Due to

the significance of the assumptions used, this amount could differ from actual results. No estimate has been made of amounts to be contributed to these plans in years subsequent to 2007.

## **RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

See Note 2 to 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 universal life insurance with secondary guarantees (“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. The changes to Actuarial Guideline 38 affect only policies with an issue date of July 1, 2005 and later, and reduce the competitiveness and/or profitability of newly written ULSG products compared to traditional whole life or other high cash value insurance products or other products supported by relatively inexpensive capital (such as reinsurance of redundant reserves). 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. The ability of the Company to implement such solutions is at least partially dependent on factors such as the ratings of the Company, the size of the blocks of business affected, the mortality experience of the Company and other factors. The Company cannot predict the continued availability of such solutions to the Company or the form that the market may dictate. 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 are studying 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 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.

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 adopted for 2006 year-end reporting for these securities, 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 of this revised reporting treatment, certain securities will receive a lower rating classification for asset valuation reserve and risk based capital calculations. The Company’s insurance subsidiaries currently invest in these securities. As of December 31, 2006, the Company (including both insurance and non-insurance subsidiaries) holds between \$175 million and \$225 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 the insurance subsidiaries’ 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. The Company 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. The Company 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 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 service 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 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. The Company cannot predict the outcome of this regulatory proposal or whether any other state will propose or adopt similar actions.

## **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 the Company's investment products.

The higher interest rates that have traditionally accompanied inflation could also affect the Company's 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 the Company's fixed-rate, long-term investments may decrease, the Company may be unable to implement fully the interest rate reset and call provisions of its mortgage loans, and the Company's 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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The following financial statements are located in this report on the pages indicated.

Consolidated Statements of Income for  
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Share-Owners' Equity  
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For supplemental quarterly financial information, please see Note 20, "Consolidated Quarterly Results - Unaudited" of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included herein.

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**PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

	Year Ended December 31		
	2006	2005	2004
	(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)		
<b>Revenues</b>			
Premiums and policy fees	\$ 2,317,337	\$ 1,955,780	\$ 1,821,094
Reinsurance ceded	(1,371,215)	(1,226,857)	(1,125,646)
Net of reinsurance ceded	946,122	728,923	695,448
Net investment income	1,419,778	1,180,502	1,084,217
Realized investment gains (losses):			
Derivative financial instruments	(21,516)	(30,881)	19,591
All other investments	104,084	49,393	28,305
Other income	230,665	181,267	161,014
Total revenues	2,679,133	2,109,204	1,988,575
<b>Benefits and expenses</b>			
Benefits and settlement expenses, net of reinsurance ceded: (2006 - \$1,196,416; 2005 - \$1,052,955; 2004 - \$1,134,762)	1,637,215	1,253,367	1,130,437
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs and value of businesses acquired	225,804	198,503	200,130
Other operating expenses, net of reinsurance ceded: (2006 - \$244,935; 2005 - \$193,193; 2004 - \$169,421)	384,206	280,321	272,807
Total benefits and expenses	2,247,225	1,732,191	1,603,374
<b>Income before income tax and cumulative effect of change in accounting principle</b>			
	431,908	377,013	385,201
<b>Income tax expense</b>			
Current	25,767	22,000	126,163
Deferred	124,580	108,446	8,657
Total income tax expense	150,347	130,446	134,820
Net income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	281,561	246,567	250,381
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of income tax	0	0	(15,801)
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 281,561	\$ 246,567	\$ 234,580
<b>Net income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle per share - basic</b>			
	\$ 3.98	\$ 3.49	\$ 3.56
<b>Net income per share - basic</b>	\$ 3.98	\$ 3.49	\$ 3.34
<b>Net income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle per share - diluted</b>			
	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.52
<b>Net income per share - diluted</b>	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.30
<b>Cash dividends paid per share</b>	\$ .84	\$ .76	\$ .685

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**PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	<b>December 31</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments:		
Fixed maturities, at market (amortized cost: 2006 - \$21,194,871; 2005 - \$15,172,482)	\$ 21,367,263	\$ 15,472,386
Equity securities, at market (cost: 2006 - \$121,823; 2005 - \$114,994)	128,695	121,012
Mortgage loans	3,880,028	3,287,745
Investment real estate, net of accumulated depreciation (2006 - \$5,483; 2005 - \$14,684)	38,918	72,932
Policy loans	839,502	458,825
Other long-term investments	310,225	279,676
Short-term investments	1,381,073	776,139
Total investments	27,945,704	20,468,715
Cash	69,516	83,670
Accrued investment income	284,529	189,038
Accounts and premiums receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts (2006 - \$4,140; 2005 - \$3,296)	194,447	82,080
Reinsurance receivables	4,618,122	3,020,685
Deferred policy acquisition costs and value of businesses acquired	3,198,735	2,171,988
Goodwill	100,479	49,423
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation (2006 - \$109,718; 2005 - \$102,311)	43,796	47,010
Other assets	165,656	140,124
Income tax receivable	116,318	85,807
Assets related to separate accounts		
Variable annuity	2,750,129	2,377,124
Variable universal life	307,863	251,329
	\$ 39,795,294	\$ 28,966,993

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**PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
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	December 31	
	2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)	
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Policy liabilities and accruals		
Future policy benefits and claims	\$ 15,120,996	\$ 11,155,074
Unearned premiums	938,934	740,071
Total policy liabilities and accruals	16,059,930	11,895,145
Stable value product account balances	5,513,464	6,057,721
Annuity account balances	8,958,089	3,388,005
Other policyholders' funds	328,664	147,921
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	16,949	0
Other liabilities	1,323,375	968,403
Deferred income taxes	374,486	317,317
Non-recourse funding obligations	425,000	125,000
Liabilities related to variable interest entities	420,395	448,093
Long-term debt	479,132	482,532
Subordinated debt securities	524,743	324,743
Liabilities related to separate accounts		
Variable annuity	2,750,129	2,377,124
Variable universal life	307,863	251,329
Total liabilities	37,482,219	26,783,333
<b>Commitments and contingent liabilities - Note 10</b>		
<b>Share-owners' equity</b>		
Preferred Stock, \$1 par value		
Shares authorized: 4,000,000		
Issued: none		
Common Stock, \$.50 par value		
Shares authorized: 2006 and 2005 - 160,000,000		
Issued: 2006 and 2005 - 73,251,960	36,626	36,626
Additional paid-in capital	438,485	440,475
Treasury stock, at cost (2006 - 3,287,312 shares; 2005 - 3,557,911 shares)	(11,796)	(12,765)
Unallocated stock in Employee Stock Ownership Plan (2006 - 366,243 shares; 2005 - 480,356 shares)	(1,231)	(1,610)
Retained earnings	1,838,560	1,615,714
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Net unrealized gains on investments, net of income tax: (2006 - \$22,109; 2005 - \$57,649)	41,405	104,489
Accumulated gain (loss) - hedging, net of income tax: (2006 - \$(3,179); 2005 - \$394)	(5,954)	731
Minimum pension liability adjustment, net of income tax: (2006 - \$(12,292); 2005 - \$0)	(23,020)	0
Total share-owners' equity	2,313,075	2,183,660
	\$ 39,795,294	\$ 28,966,993

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**PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHARE-OWNERS' EQUITY**

	Additional Common Stock	Paid-In Capital	Treasury Stock	Stock Held In Trust	Unallocated Stock in ESOP	Retained Earnings	Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	Accumulated Gain/ (Loss) Hedging	Minimum Pension Liability Adjustment	Total Share- Owners' Equity
Balance, December 31, 2003	\$ 36,626	\$ 418,351	\$ (15,275)	\$ (2,788)	\$ (2,367)	\$ 1,235,012	\$ 329,907	\$ 2,678	\$ 0	\$ 2,002,144
Net income for 2004					234,580					234,580
Change in net unrealized gains/losses on investments (net of income tax - \$(12,823))							(23,814)			(23,814)
Reclassification adjustment for amounts included in net income (net of income tax - \$(9,907))							(18,398)			(18,398)
Change in accumulated gain (loss) hedging (net of income tax - \$(3,197))								5,938		5,938
Comprehensive income for 2004										198,306
Cash dividends (\$0.685 per share)						(47,508)				(47,508)
Sale of common stock				2,788						2,788
Stock-based compensation	7,774		1,557							9,331
Reissuance of treasury stock to ESOP		802	86		(888)					0
Allocation of stock to					1,266					1,266

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employee accounts Balance, December 31, 2004	36,626	426,927	(13,632)	0	(1,989)	1,422,084	287,695	8,616	0	2,166,327
Net income for 2005						246,567				246,567
Change in net unrealized gains/losses on investments (net of income tax - \$(81,853))							(154,170)			(154,170)
Reclassification adjustment for amounts included in net income (net of income tax - \$(15,411))							(29,036)			(29,036)
Change in accumulated gain (loss) hedging (net of income tax - \$(4,245))								(7,885)		(7,885)
Comprehensive income for 2005										55,476
Cash dividends (\$0.76 per share)						(52,937)				(52,937)
Stock-based compensation		11,433	673							12,106
Reissuance of treasury stock to ESOP		2,115	194		(2,309)					0
Allocation of stock to employee accounts					2,688					2,688
Balance, December 31, 2005	36,626	440,475	(12,765)	0	(1,610)	1,615,714	104,489	731	0	\$ 2,183,660
Net income for 2006						281,561				281,561
Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on investments, net of income							(8,620)			(8,620)

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tax \$(4,856)										
Reclassification adjustment for amounts included in net income, net of income tax \$(30,684)						(54,464)				(54,464)
Change in accumulated gain (loss) hedging, net of income tax \$(3,573)							(6,685)			(6,685)
Change in minimum pension liability adjustment, net of income tax \$(1,349)								(2,471)		(2,471)
Comprehensive income for 2006										209,321
Cash dividends (\$0.84 per share)						(58,715)				(58,715)
Stock-based compensation	(3,999)	810								(3,189)
Reissuance of treasury stock to ESOP	2,009	159		(2,168)						0
Allocation of stock to employee accounts				2,547						2,547
Adjustment to initially apply SFAS 158, net of income tax (\$11,219)								(20,549)		(20,549)
Balance, December 31, 2006	\$ 36,626	\$ 438,485	\$ (11,796)	\$ 0	\$ (1,231)	\$ 1,838,560	\$ 41,405	\$ (5,954)	\$ (23,020)	\$ 2,313,075

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**PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	Year Ended December 31		
	2006	2005	2004
	(Dollars in thousands)		
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net income	\$ 281,561	\$ 246,567	\$ 234,580
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Realized investment (gains) losses	(82,568)	(49,393)	(47,896)
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs and value of businesses acquired	225,804	198,503	200,130
Capitalization of deferred policy acquisition costs	(426,074)	(439,469)	(362,882)
Depreciation expense	11,960	15,343	17,679
Deferred income taxes	83,637	106,187	(151)
Accrued income taxes	(43,717)	(98,617)	5,060
Interest credited to universal life and investment products	891,627	726,301	649,216
Policy fees assessed on universal life and investment products	(507,391)	(421,447)	(349,057)
Change in reinsurance receivables	(503,804)	(270,425)	(399,654)
Change in accrued investment income and other receivables	(88,409)	(30,678)	7,376
Change in policy liabilities and other policyholders' funds of traditional life and health products	615,026	494,030	463,961
Trading securities:			
Maturities and principal reductions of investments	229,030	0	0
Sale of investments	2,990,191	0	0
Cost of investments acquired	(2,983,471)	0	0
Other net change in trading securities	(317,004)	5,426	1,231
Change in other liabilities	108,278	(15,329)	(4,915)
Other, net	4,047	31,909	(16,557)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>488,723</b>	<b>498,908</b>	<b>398,121</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Investments available for sale:			
Maturities and principal reductions of investments:			
Fixed maturities	1,177,443	1,777,366	1,900,432
Equity securities	100	377	147
Sale of investments			
Fixed maturities	5,031,272	4,352,261	4,261,578
Equity securities	5,007	12,397	1,050
Cost of investments acquired			
Fixed maturities	(5,800,208)	(7,521,876)	(7,097,456)
Equity securities	(3,868)	(64,228)	(11,682)
Mortgage loans:			
New borrowings	(1,055,998)	(745,797)	(719,510)

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Repayments	452,697	448,514	443,363
Change in investment real estate, net	64,611	50,425	441
Change in policy loans, net	(69)	23,955	19,968
Change in other long-term investments, net	14,338	(12,729)	11,899
Change in short-term investments, net	42,324	84,570	(324,414)
Purchase of property and equipment	(4,806)	(11,545)	(16,788)
Payments for business acquisitions, net of cash acquired of \$394,366	(539,218)	0	0
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(616,375)</b>	<b>(1,606,310)</b>	<b>(1,530,972)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Borrowings under line of credit arrangements and long-term debt	166,600	79,100	407,400
Principal payments on line of credit arrangements and long-term debt	(170,000)	(48,001)	(417,296)
Payments on liabilities related to variable interest entities	(27,698)	(34,341)	0
Net proceeds from securities sold under repurchase agreements	16,949	0	0
Issuance of non-recourse funding obligations	300,000	125,000	0
Dividends to share owners	(58,715)	(52,936)	(47,508)
Issuance of subordinated debt securities	200,000	0	103,093
Investment product and universal life deposits	2,419,734	2,943,455	3,042,453
Investment product and universal life withdrawals	(2,640,427)	(2,025,876)	(1,969,617)
Excess tax benefits on stock based compensation	3,382	0	0
Other financing activities, net	(96,327)	74,075	8,224
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>113,498</b>	<b>1,060,476</b>	<b>1,126,749</b>
<b>Change in cash</b>	<b>(14,154)</b>	<b>(46,926)</b>	<b>(6,102)</b>
<b>Cash at beginning of year</b>	<b>83,670</b>	<b>130,596</b>	<b>136,698</b>
<b>Cash at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 69,516</b>	<b>\$ 83,670</b>	<b>\$ 130,596</b>

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**PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. BUSINESS**

**Nature of Operations**

Protective Life Corporation is a holding company whose subsidiaries provide 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. Founded in 1907, Protective Life Insurance Company (“Protective Life”) is the Company’s largest operating subsidiary.

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 Corporation 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**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Protective Life Corporation and subsidiaries (“the Company”) 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).

**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”), goodwill, value of businesses acquired (“VOBA”), investments, future policy benefits, pension and other postretirement benefits, provision for income taxes, reserves for contingent liabilities and reserves for losses in connection with unresolved legal matters.

**Investments**

Investments are reported on the following bases:

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- 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.

Estimated market values were derived from the durations of the Company's 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.

Substantially all short-term investments have maturities of three months or less at the time of acquisition and include approximately \$0.2 million in bank deposits voluntarily restricted as to withdrawal.

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 share-owners' equity. Furthermore, investments deemed as trading securities by the Company 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 for further discussion of the Company's 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 the Company's 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 \$10.4 million and \$66.5 million as of December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, 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. Deferred policy acquisition costs (“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 SFAS 97, 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%) it 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 115, 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 the Company’s 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 Businesses 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 value of businesses acquired (“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 60 products and in proportion to expected gross profits (“EGPs”) for SFAS 97 products, including accrued interest 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, 2006 and 2005, the Company evaluated its goodwill and determined that fair value had not decreased below carrying value and no adjustment to impair goodwill was necessary in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, “Goodwill and Other intangible Assets” (“SFAS 142”).

### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are reported at cost 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:

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Home Office building	\$ 54,002	\$ 53,275
Data processing equipment	43,645	41,947
Other, principally furniture and equipment	55,867	54,099
	153,514	149,321
Accumulated depreciation	(109,718)	(102,311)
	\$ 43,796	\$ 47,010

### **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 its 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 issued by the Company. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company had \$4.0 billion and \$4.5 billion, respectively, of stable value product account balances marketed through structured programs. Most GICs and funding agreements written by the Company have maturities of three to ten years. At December 31, 2006, future maturities of stable value products, excluding interest, were \$1.5 billion in 2007, \$2.1 billion in 2008-2009, \$1.0 billion in 2010-2011, and \$0.9 billion after 2011.

### **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 the Company's risk management program.

Derivative instruments that are currently used as part of the Company's 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 require the Company 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.

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 also maintains netting and collateral support arrangements with its counterparties to further minimize the credit risk associated with its derivative instruments. 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 its overall asset/liability management programs and strategies.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133 ("SFAS 133") 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.** The Company has 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. Under the terms of the swap, the Company pays a fixed U.S.-dollar-denominated rate and receives a fixed foreign-currency-denominated rate. Effective July 1, 2002, the Company designated this swap as a cash flow hedge and therefore recorded the change in the fair value of the swap during the period in accumulated other comprehensive income. Gains and losses on this swap are reclassified from other comprehensive income to current earnings as payments are made on the hedged stable value contract. In connection with the issuance of inflation adjusted funding agreements, the Company has entered into swaps to convert the floating CPI-linked interest rate on the contracts to a fixed rate. The Company pays a fixed rate on the swap and receives a floating rate equal to the CPI change paid on the funding agreements. During 2006, the Company entered into interest rate swaps to convert LIBOR and CMT (Constant Maturity Treasury) based floating rate interest payments on funding agreements to fixed rate interest payments.

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, 2006, 2005 and 2004, the amount of hedge ineffectiveness reported in income was a \$0.6 million gain, \$0.2 million gain, and a \$1.0 million gain, respectively. Additionally, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company reported an after-tax decrease to accumulated other comprehensive income of \$6.7 million and \$7.9 million, respectively, related to its cash flow

hedges. During 2006, the Company expects to reclassify \$4.0 million out of accumulated other comprehensive income and 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 qualified 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 interest rate swaps to convert the fixed interest rate payments on certain of its debt obligations to a floating rate. Interest is exchanged periodically on the notional value, with the Company receiving the fixed rate and paying various LIBOR-based rates. In 2006, 2005, and 2004, the Company recognized pre-tax gains of \$0.8 million, \$1.7 million, and \$17.6 million, respectively, representing the change in value of these derivatives and related net settlements.

The Company uses certain foreign currency swaps, which are not designated as cash flow hedges, to mitigate its exposure to changes in currency rates. For 2006, 2005, and 2004, the Company recorded a pre-tax gain of \$3.4 million, a pre-tax loss of \$33.3 million, and a pre-tax gain of \$0.3 million on these swaps, respectively. In connection with these swaps, the Company also recognized a \$3.4 million pre-tax loss, a \$33.4 million pre-tax gain, and a \$0.1 million pre-tax loss, respectively, during 2006, 2005, and 2004 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 the Company's mortgage loan commitments. During 2006, 2005, and 2004, the Company recognized a pre-tax gain of \$26.7 million, a pre-tax loss of \$10.3 million, and a pre-tax loss of \$1.7 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 2006, 2005, and 2004, the Company recognized a pre-tax loss of \$1.6 million, a pre-tax loss of \$14.0 million, and a pre-tax loss of \$0.5 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, and 2004, the Company recognized a \$0.6 million gain, and an immaterial loss, respectively, for the change in the asset swaps' fair value and recognized a \$0.3 million gain, and a \$4.0 million gain, respectively, to separately record the embedded equity options at fair value.

The Company has also entered into a total return swap in connection with a portfolio of investment securities managed by the Company for an unrelated party. The Company recognized a \$0.7 million pre-tax loss, a \$0.7 million pre-tax loss, and a \$0.7 million pre-tax loss in 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively, for the change in the total return swap's fair value.

The Company is involved in various modified coinsurance and funds withheld arrangements which, in accordance with DIG B36, contain embedded derivatives. The change in fair value of these derivatives resulted in the recognition of a \$44.5 million pre-tax loss, \$1.0 million pre-tax loss and a \$0.3 million pre-tax loss in 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The losses on these embedded derivatives were due to decreasing interest rates during the second-half of 2006. The investment portfolios that support the related modified coinsurance reserves and funds withheld had mark-to-market gains that substantially offset the losses on these embedded derivatives.

In 2005, the Company began marketing equity indexed annuities. Under SFAS 133, the equity market component, where interest credited to the contracts is linked to the performance of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> index, is 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 utilizes S&P 500<sup>®</sup> options to mitigate the risk associated with equity indexed annuity contracts. The Company recognized a \$2.9 million pre-tax gain and a \$0.2 million pre-tax gain on its S&P 500<sup>®</sup> options in 2006 and 2005, respectively.

### 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, 2006 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 the Company 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:

	2006	2005	2004
Balance beginning of year	\$ 134,104	\$ 135,015	\$ 121,832
Less reinsurance	61,655	66,788	55,395
Net balance beginning of year	72,449	68,227	66,437
Incurred related to:			
Current year	395,873	258,138	256,754
Prior year	(9,685)	(2,247)	(30)
Total incurred	386,188	255,891	256,724
Paid related to:			
Current year	304,177	208,832	210,943
Prior year	55,349	42,837	43,991
Total paid	359,526	251,669	254,934
Other changes:			
Acquisitions and reserve transfers	8,992	0	0
Net balance end of year	108,103	72,449	68,227
Plus reinsurance	59,654	61,655	66,788
Balance end of year	\$ 167,757	\$ 134,104	\$ 135,015

#### 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 2.3% to 11.4% in 2006.

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.

### **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 the Company 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.

### **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 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.

### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

**Statement of Position 05-1.** In September 2005, the Accounting Standards Executive Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AcSEC") issued 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"). 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 Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 97 ("SFAS 97"), "Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises for Certain Long-Duration Contracts and for Realized Gains and Losses from the Sale of Investments." 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. SOP 05-1 is to be applied prospectively and is effective for internal replacements occurring in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. Due to the nature of the interpretative issues recently released by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Company continues to evaluate the impact SOP 05-1 will have on its consolidated results of operations and financial position, but does not currently believe that its adoption effective January 1, 2007, will have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

**SFAS No. 155 - Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments - an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140.** In February 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued SFAS No. 155, “Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments - an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140” (“SFAS 155”). SFAS 155 amends Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, “Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities” (“SFAS 133”) and Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 140, “Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishment of Liabilities” (“SFAS 140”) and resolves issues addressed in SFAS 133 DIG Issue D1, “Application of Statement 133 to Beneficial Interest in Securitized Financial Assets.” SFAS 155 partially eliminates the exemption from applying the bifurcation requirements of SFAS 133 to interests in securitized financial assets, in an effort to ensure that similar instruments are accounted for consistently regardless of the form of the instrument. The Company continues to evaluate the impact of SFAS 155, which is effective for all financial instruments acquired or issued after January 1, 2007, but does not currently believe that its adoption will have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

**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 156”). SFAS 156 amends SFAS 140, “Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities,” with respect to the accounting for separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities. SFAS 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 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 will be adopted by the Company effective January 1, 2007. The Company continues to evaluate SFAS 156, but does not believe that its adoption will have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

**FASB Interpretation No. 48.** In July 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, “Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an Interpretation of FASB Statement 109,” (“FIN 48”). FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006, and therefore will be adopted by the Company effective January 1, 2007. This interpretation requires, in order for the Company to recognize a benefit in its 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 return position. In making this analysis, the Company must assume that the taxing authority is fully informed of all of the facts regarding this issue. FIN 48 also provides guidance on how the benefit, if any, that will be recognized in the financial statements should be measured. Furthermore, new disclosures regarding the effect of the accounting for uncertain tax positions on the financial statements will be required. Any adjustment to the Company’s December 31, 2006 Consolidated Balance Sheet due to the adoption of FIN 48 will be recognized as an adjustment to the Company’s January 1, 2007 retained earnings. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of FIN 48 will have on its Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2006, and on its Consolidated Statements of Income in future periods.

**SFAS No. 157 - Fair Value Measurements.** In September 2006, FASB issued SFAS No. 157, “Fair Value Measurements” (“SFAS 157”). This statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective prospectively with a limited form of

retrospective application for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, with early adoption encouraged. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that SFAS 157 will have on its consolidated results of operations and financial position.

**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 ("SFAS 158"), "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans, which amends SFAS No. 87, "Employers' Accounting for Pensions" ("SFAS 87"), SFAS No. 88, "Employers' Accounting for Settlements and Curtailments of Defined Benefit Pension Plans and for Termination Benefits" ("SFAS 88"), SFAS No. 106, "Employers' Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions" ("SFAS 106"), and SFAS No. 132 (revised), "Employers' Disclosures About Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits" ("SFAS 132 (R)"). SFAS 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 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 158 is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2006 and therefore has been adopted by the Company 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 the Company'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.

**Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108.** In September 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108 ("SAB 108") which provides guidance on quantifying financial statement misstatements. SAB 108 requires financial statement misstatements to be quantified in relation to both its impact on the current year income statement (the "rollover" approach) and the current year balance sheet (the "iron curtain" approach). If a misstatement is material under either approach (the "dual approach") the financial statements must be adjusted for the misstatement.

### **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 share-owners' 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 years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, net cash provided by operating activities was decreased and net cash provided by financing activities was increased by \$421.4 million and \$349.1 million, respectively.

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### **RECENT ACQUISITIONS**

#### **Chase Insurance Group Acquisition**

On July 3, 2006, Protective Life Insurance Company ("Protective Life"), the Company's largest operating subsidiary, 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"), Protective Life 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 is headquartered in Elgin, Illinois, and offers 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 are 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 SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations" ("SFAS 141"). SFAS 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:

	<b>Fair Value as of July 3, 2006 (Dollars in thousands)</b>
<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	110,073
Total assets	9,676,808
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Policy liabilities and accruals	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	110,073
Total liabilities	8,803,271
<b>NET ASSETS ACQUIRED</b>	<b>\$ 873,537</b>

The Chase Insurance Group acquisition was funded through the issuance of \$200 million of capital securities (see Note 9) together with cash. The capital securities will mature and become due and payable, together with any accrued

and unpaid interest thereon, on June 30, 2006.

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 Reinsurance 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 aggregate ceding commissions received by the Company from these transactions was \$330.5 million.

The \$32.0 million of goodwill was assigned to the Acquisitions Segment. \$63.9 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. Company 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 141. Western General's results of operations are included in the Company's consolidated results of operations beginning July 1, 2006. The purchase price for Western General was \$33.0 million, and is subject to contingent consideration based on future performance.

The fair value of Western General's net assets acquired was \$14.2 million. Goodwill of \$18.8 million resulted from the excess of purchase price over the fair value of Western General's net assets. This goodwill was allocated to the Company's 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 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:

### **Fair Value**

	<b>as of July 1, 2006 (Dollars in thousands)</b>	
<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		82,161
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Policy liabilities and accruals		39,596
Other liabilities		9,607
Total liabilities		49,203
<b>NET ASSETS ACQUIRED</b>		
	\$	32,958

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.

### **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:

	<b>Years Ended December 31</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Revenue	\$ 2,921,735	\$ 2,616,302
Net Income	\$ 300,742	\$ 299,866
Net income per common		

share:

Basic	\$	4.25	\$	4.25
Diluted	\$	4.21	\$	4.20

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:

	2006	2005	2004
Fixed maturities	\$ 1,099,343	\$ 902,548	\$ 822,081
Equity securities	6,265	4,688	2,684
Mortgage loans	268,380	257,914	232,577
Investment real estate	389	2,371	1,622
Short-term investments and other	108,809	60,052	55,573
	1,483,186	1,227,573	1,114,537
Investment expenses	63,408	47,071	30,320
	\$ 1,419,778	\$ 1,180,502	\$ 1,084,217

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

	2006	2005	2004
Fixed maturities	\$ 38,950	\$ 44,248	\$ 29,015
Equity securities	289	204	58
Mark to market - Modco trading portfolios	44,552	0	0
Mortgage loans and other investments	20,293	4,941	(768)
	\$ 104,084	\$ 49,393	\$ 28,305

In 2006, gross gains on investments available for sale (fixed maturities, equity securities, and short-term investments) were \$80.2 million, and gross losses were \$40.9 million. In 2005, gross gains were \$84.9 million, and gross losses were \$40.4 million. In 2004, gross gains on investments available for sale were \$54.8 million, and gross losses were \$25.7 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 Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Market Value
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**2006**

Fixed maturities:

Bonds:

Mortgage-backed securities	\$ 6,566,588	\$ 37,784	\$ (63,613)	\$ 6,540,759
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	1,578,993	44,526	(29,280)	1,594,239
Convertibles and bonds with warrants	231	11	(41)	201
All other corporate bonds	8,108,823	235,236	(97,467)	8,246,592
Redeemable preferred stocks	86	0	(1)	85
	17,297,760	323,584	(195,540)	17,425,804
Equity securities	121,823	7,171	(299)	128,695
Short-term investments	1,069,937	0	0	1,069,937
	\$ 18,489,520	\$ 330,755	\$ (195,839)	\$ 18,624,436

**2005**

Fixed maturities:

Bonds:

Mortgage-backed securities	\$ 5,912,602	\$ 36,394	\$ (90,722)	\$ 5,858,274
United States Government and authorities	686,793	5,773	(1,267)	691,299
States, municipalities, and political subdivisions	47,887	2,314	(38)	50,163
Public utilities	1,622,987	88,316	(11,816)	1,699,487
Convertibles and bonds with warrants	231	0	(63)	168
All other corporate bonds	6,489,639	339,604	(67,123)	6,762,120
Redeemable preferred stocks	2,647	0	(139)	2,508
	14,762,786	472,401	(171,168)	15,064,019
Equity securities	114,993	6,349	(330)	121,012
Short-term investments	772,639	0	0	772,639
	\$ 15,650,418	\$ 478,750	\$ (171,498)	\$ 15,957,670

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company had an additional \$3.9 billion and \$408.4 million, respectively, of fixed maturities and \$311.1 million and \$3.5 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, 2006, by expected maturity, are shown as follows. Expected maturities are derived from rates of prepayment that may differ from actual rates of prepayment.

	Estimated Amortized Cost	Estimated Market Value
Due in one year or less	\$ 357,849	\$ 358,863
	4,575,918	4,623,558

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Due after one year through five years		
Due after five years through ten years	4,982,147	4,971,183
Due after ten years	7,381,846	7,472,200
	\$ 17,297,760	\$ 17,425,804

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) the intent and ability of the Company 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 incurred and the cost basis of the impaired asset is adjusted to its fair value. During 2006, 2005, and 2004, the Company recorded other-than-temporary impairments in its investments of \$5.7 million, \$11.8 million, and \$18.3 million, respectively.

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
Mortgage-backed securities	\$ 1,132,093	\$ (4,070)	\$ 3,006,114	\$ (59,545)	\$ 4,138,207	\$ (63,615)
US government States, municipalities, etc.	873,248	(3,923)	41,705	(1,036)	914,953	(4,959)
Public utilities	1,617	(7)	1,087	(8)	2,704	(15)
Convertible bonds	347,289	(9,553)	353,219	(19,728)	700,508	(29,281)
Other corporate bonds	0	0	47	(41)	47	(41)
Equities	1,512,521	(34,495)	1,369,328	(63,132)	2,881,849	(97,627)
	147	(59)	3,360	(242)	3,507	(301)
	\$ 3,866,915	\$ (52,107)	\$ 4,774,860	\$ (143,732)	\$ 8,641,775	\$ (195,839)

For mortgage-backed securities in an unrealized loss position for greater than 12 months, \$3.7 million of the \$59.5 million unrealized loss relates to securities issued in Company-sponsored commercial loan securitizations. The remaining losses are primarily the result of a rising interest rate environment during the past year. The Company does not consider these unrealized loss positions to be other than temporary, because the underlying mortgage loans continue to perform consistently with the Company's original expectations.

The public utilities category has gross unrealized losses greater than 12 months of \$19.7 million, while the other corporate bonds category has gross unrealized losses greater than 12 months of \$63.1 million at December 31, 2006. These losses related primarily to the increase in interest rates over the past 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 the Company's ability and intent to



hold these securities to recovery.

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, 2005.

	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Market Value	Unrealized Loss	Market Value	Unrealized Loss	Market Value	Unrealized Loss
Mortgage-backed securities	\$ 4,576,492	\$ (71,530)	\$ 88,264	\$ (19,196)	\$ 4,664,756	\$ (90,726)
US government States, municipalities, etc.	109,188	(439)	23,587	(828)	132,775	(1,267)
Public utilities	3,168	(38)	0	0	3,168	(38)
Convertible bonds	362,202	(7,131)	75,972	(4,685)	438,174	(11,816)
Other corporate bonds	0	0	167	(63)	167	(63)
Equities	1,537,310	(46,646)	323,241	(20,475)	1,860,551	(67,121)
	3,667	(232)	880	(235)	4,547	(467)
	\$ 6,592,027	\$ (126,016)	\$ 512,111	\$ (45,482)	\$ 7,104,138	\$ (171,498)

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company had bonds which were rated less than investment grade of \$319.0 million and \$1,083.8 million, respectively, having an amortized cost of \$325.3 million and \$1,091.5 million, respectively. Not included in these less than investment grade bonds at December 31, 2006 and 2005, are \$32.3 million and \$21.0 million, respectively, of trading securities. At December 31, 2006, approximately \$22.7 million of the bonds rated less than investment grade were securities issued in Company-sponsored commercial mortgage loan securitizations. Approximately \$2.1 billion of these 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:

	2006	2005	2004
Fixed maturities	\$(112,573)	\$(257,383)	\$54,931
Equity securities	555	2,032	1,001

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, 2006, securities with a market value of \$444.5 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 the Company's obligation to return the collateral.

At December 31, 2006, all of the Company's mortgage loans were commercial loans of which 68% were retail, 12% were office buildings, 10% were apartments, 7% 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 2.4% of mortgage loans. Approximately 71% of the mortgage loans are on properties

located in the following states listed in decreasing order of significance: Texas, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Utah, California, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. At December 31, 2006, the average mortgage loan was \$2.5 million, and the weighted average interest rate was 6.6%. The largest single mortgage loan was \$26.5 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 \$166.8 million would become due in 2007, \$470.6 million in 2008 through 2011, \$857.1 million in 2012 through 2016, and \$269.2 million thereafter.

For several years the Company has offered a type of commercial mortgage loan under which the Company 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, 2006 and 2005, approximately \$493.0 million and \$434.9 million, respectively, of the Company's mortgage loans have this participation feature.

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company's problem mortgage loans (over sixty days past due) and foreclosed properties totaled \$15.8 million and \$22.3 million, respectively. Since the Company's 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, 2006 and 2005, the Company had an allowance for mortgage loan credit losses of \$0.5 million and \$6.8 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 \$66.3 million were non-income producing for the twelve months ended December 31, 2006.

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company had investments related to retained beneficial interests of mortgage loan securitizations of \$173.4 million and \$225.6 million, respectively.

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 and for the years ended December 31, are as follows:

	2006	2005
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 1,735,533	\$ 1,353,784
Capitalization of commissions, sales and issue expenses	425,946	693,682
Amortization	(167,377)	(166,770)
Change in unrealized investment gains and losses	90,537	(145,163)
Balance, end of period	\$ 2,084,639	\$ 1,735,533

**Value of businesses acquired**

The balances of and changes in VOBA as of and for the years ended December 31, are as follows:

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 436,455	\$ 468,188
Acquisitions	751,992	0
Amortization	(58,426)	(31,733)
Change in unrealized investment gains and losses	(16,052)	0
Other	127	0
Balance, end of period	\$1,114,096	\$ 436,455

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

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expected Amortization</b>
2007	\$97,921
2008	90,035
2009	83,344
2010	77,593
2011	74,414

**6. GOODWILL**

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

	<b>Life Marketing</b>	<b>Acquisitions</b>	<b>Asset Protection</b>	<b>Corporate and Other</b>	<b>Total Consolidated</b>
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Balance as of December 31, 2004	\$ 10,354	\$ 0	\$ 36,182	\$ 83	\$ 46,619
Contingent payment related to prior acquisition	0	0	2,804	0	2,804
Balance as of December 31, 2005	10,354	0	38,986	83	49,423
Goodwill acquired in current period acquisitions	0	32,007	18,813	0	50,820
	0	0	236	0	236

Contingent payment related to prior acquisition Balance as of December 31, 2006	\$ 10,354	\$ 32,007	\$ 58,035	\$ 83	\$ 100,479
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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. 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. Goodwill also increased by \$0.2 million and \$2.8 million in the Asset Protection segment in 2006 and 2005, respectively, due to a contingent payment related to the purchase of a small subsidiary in a prior year.

## 7. CERTAIN NONTRADITIONAL LONG-DURATION CONTRACTS

In July 2003, AcSEC issued Statement of Position 03-1 “Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises for Certain Nontraditional Long-Duration Contracts and for Separate Accounts” (“SOP 03-1”). SOP 03-1 provides guidance related to the establishment of reserves for benefit guarantees provided under certain long-duration contracts, as well as the accounting for mortality benefits provided in certain universal life products. In addition, it addresses the capitalization and amortization of sales inducements to contract holders. The SOP was effective January 1, 2004 and was adopted through an adjustment for the cumulative effect of change in accounting principle amounting to \$15.8 million (net of \$8.5 income tax).

The Company issues variable universal life and variable annuity products through its 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 its 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 guaranteed minimum death benefit (“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 \$2.8 billion at December 31, 2006. The total guaranteed amount payable based on variable annuity account balances at December 31, 2006, was \$120.7 million (including \$93.9 million in the Annuities segment and \$26.8 million in the Acquisitions segment), with a GMDB reserve of \$2.2 million (including \$1.8 million in the Annuities segment and \$0.4 million in the Acquisitions segment). These amounts exclude 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 (“Modco”) agreement. The guaranteed amount payable and GMDB reserve associated with these annuities are \$69.3 million and \$3.1 million, respectively, and are included in the Acquisitions segment. The average attained age of contract holders at December 31, 2006 was 66.

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

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Beginning balance	\$2,437	\$5,020	\$5,895
Incurred guarantee benefits	1,630	184	3,179
Paid guarantee benefits	1,916	2,767	4,054
Ending balance	\$2,151	\$2,437	\$5,020

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

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Equity mutual funds	\$2,508,422	\$2,151,288
Fixed income mutual funds	241,707	225,836
Total	\$2,750,129	\$2,377,124

Certain of the Company's 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 the Company's deferred sales inducement asset for the years ended December 31 was as follows:

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Deferred asset, beginning of period	\$ 39,311	\$ 28,618	\$ 27,713
Amounts deferred	30,124	17,182	12,597
Amortization	(10,395)	(6,489)	(11,692)
Deferred asset, end of period	\$ 59,040	\$ 39,311	\$ 28,618

## **8. REINSURANCE**

The Company reinsures certain of its 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, the Company reinsures 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.

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Reinsurance ceded arrangements do not discharge the Company as the primary insurer. Ceded balances would represent a liability of the Company in the event the reinsurers were unable to meet their obligations to the Company 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 its reinsurers. At December 31, 2006, the Company had reinsured approximately 79.6% of the face value of its life insurance in force. The Company had reinsured approximately 33.9% of the face value of its life insurance in force with the following three reinsurers:

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

These reinsurers had a minimum Standard & Poor's rating of AA- and a minimum A. M. Best rating of A+ as of December 31, 2006. The Company has not experienced any credit losses for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, or 2004 related to these reinsurers. The Company sets 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:

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Direct life insurance in-force	\$ 700,268	\$ 443,923	\$ 379,589
Amounts assumed from other companies	24,226	23,211	29,448
Amounts ceded to other companies	(576,791)	(393,605)	(354,016)
Net life insurance in-force	\$ 147,703	\$ 73,529	\$ 55,021
Percentage of amount assumed to net	16%	32%	54%

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

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Direct premiums	\$ 1,739	\$ 1,370	\$ 1,219
Reinsurance assumed	76	222	220
Reinsurance ceded	(1,104)	(1,065)	(960)
Net premiums	\$ 711	\$ 527	\$ 479

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Percentage of amount assumed to net	11%	42%	46%
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The Company has also reinsured accident and health risks representing \$45.5 million, \$43.9 million, and \$60.6 million of premium income, while it has assumed accident and health risks representing \$8.5 million \$4.1 million, and \$25.5 million of premium income for 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively. In addition, the Company reinsured property and casualty risks representing \$221.5 million, \$118.3 million, and \$105.4 million of premium income, while it assumed property and casualty risks representing \$109.5 million, \$13.4 million, and \$27.6 million of premium income for 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

In 2006 and 2005, policy and claim reserves relating to insurance ceded of \$4.6 billion and \$3.0 billion, respectively, are included in reinsurance receivables. Should any of the reinsurers be unable to meet its obligation at the time of the claim, obligation to pay such claim would remain with the Company. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company had paid \$51.7 million and \$57.7 million, respectively, of ceded benefits which are recoverable from reinsurers. In addition, at December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company had receivables of \$65.7 million and \$66.6 million, respectively, related to insurance assumed.

During 2006, the Company recorded \$27.1 million of bad debt charges related to its Lender's Indemnity product line. The bad debt charges recorded by the Company followed the bankruptcy filing related to CENTRIX Financial LLC ("CENTRIX"), the originator and servicer of the business, and is 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, which will essentially be complete by 2008.

Table of Contents**9. DEBT AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS****Long-Term Debt and Subordinated Debt Securities**

Long-term debt and subordinated debt securities at December 31 are summarized as follows:

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Long-term debt (year of issue):		
Notes payable to banks	\$ 64,600	\$ 68,000
7.45% Medium-Term Notes (1996), due 2011	9,852	9,852
4.30% Senior Notes (2003), due 2013	250,000	250,000
4.875% Senior Notes (2004), due 2014	150,000	150,000
Mortgage notes on investment real estate	4,680	4,680
Total long-term debt	\$ 479,132	\$ 482,532
Subordinated debt securities (year of issue):		
7.50% Subordinated Debentures (2001), due 2031, callable 2006	\$ 103,093	\$ 103,093
7.25% Subordinated Debentures (2002), due 2032, callable 2007	118,557	118,557
6.125% Subordinated Debentures (2004), due 2034, callable 2009	103,093	103,093
7.25% Capital Securities (2006), due 2066, callable 2011	200,000	0
Total subordinated debt securities	\$ 524,743	\$ 324,743

Future maturities of long-term debt and subordinated debt securities are \$64.6 million in 2007, \$14.5 million in 2011, and \$924.7 million in years after 2011.

Under a revolving line of credit arrangement due July 30, 2009, the Company can borrow up to \$200 million on an unsecured basis at an interest rate of LIBOR plus 0.30%. No compensating balances are required to maintain the line of credit. This arrangement contains, among other provisions, requirements for maintaining certain financial ratios and restrictions on indebtedness incurred by the Company and its subsidiaries. Additionally, the Company, on a consolidated basis, cannot incur debt in excess of 40% of its total capital. At December 31, 2006, the Company had \$64.6 million outstanding under this arrangement at a weighted average interest rate of 5.6%. The Company was in compliance with all debt covenants as of December 31, 2006.

Limited amounts of the 7.45% Medium-Term Notes may be redeemed upon the death of the beneficial owner of the notes.

The Company has also accessed capital from subordinated debt securities issued to wholly-owned subsidiary trusts. Securities currently outstanding were offered through a series of trusts (PLC Capital Trust III, PLC Capital Trust IV, and PLC Capital Trust V). These trusts were formed solely to issue preferred securities (TOPrS) and use the proceeds thereof to purchase subordinated debentures of the Company. The sole assets of the trusts are the subordinated debt securities issued by the Company. The principal obligations of the trusts are irrevocably guaranteed by the Company. Under the terms of the subordinated debentures, the Company has the right to extend interest payment periods up to five consecutive years. Consequently, dividends on the preferred securities may be deferred (but will continue to accumulate, together with additional dividends on any accumulated but unpaid dividends at the dividend rate) by the



trusts during any such extended interest payment period.

In connection with the Chase Insurance Group acquisition, on July 3, 2006, the Company issued \$200.0 million of 7.25% Capital Securities due 2066 (the "Capital Securities"), from which net proceeds of approximately \$193.8 million were received. Under the terms of the Capital Securities, the Company has the option to defer interest payments, subject to certain limitations, for periods of up to five consecutive years. The Capital Securities are redeemable at the Company's option on or after June 30, 2011.

### **Liabilities Related to Variable Interest Entities**

In accordance with FIN 46, the Company consolidates a special-purpose entity as well as two real estate investment companies. The \$420.4 million and \$448.1 million of notes payable reported on the balance sheet as "liabilities related to variable interest entities" at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, represent notes payable owed by these entities consolidated under FIN 46, and are not the legal obligations of the Company. These obligations will be repaid with cash flows generated by the separate entities' operations.

### **Non-Recourse Funding Obligations**

Golden Gate Captive Insurance Company ("Golden Gate"), a special purpose financial captive insurance company wholly owned by Protective Life Insurance Company ("Protective Life"), the Company's largest operating subsidiary, has \$425 million of non-recourse funding obligations outstanding at December 31, 2006, which bear a floating rate of interest (6.6% at December 31, 2006) and mature in 2037. These non-recourse funding obligations were issued under a surplus notes facility established with certain purchasers through which Golden Gate may issue up to an aggregate of \$600 million of non-recourse funding obligations through June 2007. The non-recourse funding obligations are direct financial obligations of Golden Gate and are not guaranteed by Protective Life or the Company. 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 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 its licensing order and in accordance with applicable law. Under the terms of the notes, the holders of the notes cannot require repayment from the Company or any of the Company's subsidiaries, other than Golden Gate, the direct issuer of the notes, although the Company has 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, the Company has entered into certain support agreements with Golden Gate obligating the Company 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 the Company's obligations to Golden Gate.

### **Interest Expense**

The Company uses interest rate swap agreements to convert a portion of its debt from a fixed interest rate to a floating rate. These interest rate swap agreements do not qualify as hedges of the corresponding long-term debt or subordinated debt securities, under SFAS 133. All net interest settlements and mark-to-market adjustments for these interest rate swap agreements are recorded as "Realized investment gains (losses) - derivative financial instruments". Interest expense on long-term debt and subordinated debt securities totaled \$52.1 million, \$44.8 million, and \$42.6 million in 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively. Interest expense on other obligations, including liabilities related to variable interest entities, non-recourse funding obligations, and other temporary borrowings totaled \$20.6 million, \$11.6 million, and \$7.1 million in 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

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The Company is contingently liable to obtain a \$20 million letter of credit under indemnity agreements with its directors. Such agreements provide insurance protection in excess of the directors' and officers' liability insurance in force at the time up to \$20 million. Should certain events occur constituting a change in control of the Company, the Company must obtain the letter of credit upon which directors may draw for defense or settlement of any claim relating to performance of their duties as directors. The Company has similar agreements with certain of its officers providing up to \$10 million in indemnification that are not secured by the obligation to obtain a letter of credit.

The Company leases administrative and marketing office space in approximately 24 cities including Birmingham, with most leases being for periods of three to ten years. The aggregate annualized rent is approximately \$7.7 million. The following is a schedule by year of future minimum rental payments required under these leases:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2007	\$7,743
2008	7,209
2009	6,485
2010	5,768
2011	4,524
Thereafter	10,032

Additionally, the Company leases a building contiguous to its home office. The original lease was due to expire in February 2007, and in January, 2007, this lease was renegotiated and the maturity date extended to January 2014. Lease payments are expected to approximate \$4.4 million in 2007. At the end of the lease term the Company may purchase the building for approximately \$75 million.

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 and other providers of financial services involving sales practices, alleged agent misconduct, failure to properly supervise representatives, relationships with agents or persons with whom the insurer does business, and other matters. Increasingly 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 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 little 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 in arbitration. Although the outcome of any such litigation or arbitration cannot be predicted, the Company believes that at the present time there are no pending or threatened lawsuits that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations, or liquidity of the Company.

### **11. SHARE-OWNERS' EQUITY AND STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION**

Activity in the Company's issued and outstanding Common Stock is summarized as follows:

<b>Issued Shares</b>	<b>Treasury</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
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		Shares	Shares
Balance, December 31, 2003	73,251,960	4,260,259	68,991,701
Reissuance of treasury stock		(458,188)	458,188
Balance, December 31, 2004	73,251,960	3,802,071	69,449,889
Reissuance of treasury stock		(244,160)	244,160
Balance, December 31, 2005	73,251,960	3,557,911	69,694,049
Reissuance of treasury stock		(270,599)	270,599
Balance, December 31, 2006	73,251,960	3,287,312	69,964,648

Share owners have authorized 4,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, \$1.00 par value. Other terms, including preferences, voting, and conversion rights, may be established by the Board of Directors. None of these shares have been issued as of December 31, 2006.

The Company sponsors a deferred compensation plan for certain of its agents. A trust was established to aid the Company in meeting its obligations under the plan. Previously, Company Common Stock owned by the trust was accounted for as treasury stock. In September 2004, all Company Common Stock owned by the trust was sold.

The Company has an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (“ESOP”). The stock is used to match employee contributions to the Company’s 401(k) and Stock Ownership Plan (“401(k) Plan”) and to provide other employee benefits. The stock held by the ESOP that has not yet been used is the unallocated stock shown as a reduction to share-owners’ equity. The ESOP shares are dividend-paying and are considered outstanding for earnings per share calculations. Dividends on the shares are used to pay the ESOP’s note to Protective Life. If certain events associated with a change in control of the Company occur, any unallocated shares held by the ESOP will become allocable to employee 401(k) accounts. Approximately 115,000 shares of stock were allocated from the ESOP to employee 401(k) accounts in both 2006 and 2005.

The Company may, from time to time, reissue treasury shares or buy additional shares of Common Stock in the open market to complete its 401(k) obligations. In addition to the shares allocated to employee 401(k) accounts from the ESOP, the Company reissued from treasury 44,814 and 54,752 shares of Common Stock to the 401(k) Plan during 2006 and 2005, respectively, to complete its 401(k) obligations.

Since 1973, the Company has had stock-based incentive plans to motivate management to focus on the Company’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 shares may be issued in payment of awards.

Through December 31, 2005, the Company accounted for its stock-based compensation in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, “Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation,” (“SFAS 123”) which was originally issued by the FASB in 1995. As originally issued, SFAS 123 provided companies with the option to either record expense for share-based payments under a fair value model, or to simply disclose the impact of the expense. Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004), “Share-Based Payment” (“SFAS 123R”), using the modified prospective method, and accordingly prior periods have not been restated. SFAS 123R requires companies to measure the cost of share-based payments to employees using a fair value model and to recognize that cost over the relevant service period. Since the Company elected to recognize the cost of its share-based compensation plans in its financial statements when it originally adopted SFAS 123, the adoption of SFAS 123R in the first quarter of 2006 did not have a material impact on the Company’s financial position, results of operations, or earnings per share.

In addition, SFAS 123R requires that an estimate of future award forfeitures be made at the grant date, while SFAS 123 permitted recognition of forfeitures on an as incurred basis. Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123R, the

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Company accounted for forfeitures as they occurred. This change in method related to forfeitures also did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

Prior to adopting SFAS 123R, the Company presented all tax benefits of deductions resulting from payouts of stock based compensation as operating cash flows. SFAS 123R requires the cash flows resulting from excess tax benefits (tax deductions realized in excess of the compensation costs recognized for the exercise of the awards) from the date of adoption of SFAS 123R to be classified as a part of cash flows from financing activities. As a result of adopting SFAS 123R as of January 1, 2006, \$3.4 million of excess tax benefits for 2006 have been classified as financing cash flows.

The criteria for payment of performance awards is based primarily upon a comparison of the Company's average return on average equity (for 2005 and 2006 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 the Company) to that of a comparison group of publicly held life and multi-line insurance companies. If the Company's results are below the median of the comparison group (40<sup>th</sup> percentile for 2005 and 2006 awards), no portion of the award is earned. If the Company's results are at or above the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile, the award maximum is earned. Awards are paid in shares of Company Common Stock.

Performance shares awarded in 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, and 2002 and the estimated fair value of the awards at grant date are as follows:

<b>Year Awarded</b>	<b>Performance Shares</b>	<b>Estimated Fair Value</b>
2006	136,030	\$6,500
2005	120,540	4,600
2004	125,670	4,600
2003	148,730	3,900
2002	192,360	5,700

Performance shares are equivalent in value to one share of Company Common Stock times the award earned percentage payout. In the past, the Company has also issued performance-based stock appreciation rights ("P-SARs.") P-SARs convert to the equivalent of one stock appreciation right ("SAR") if earned times the award percentage payout. The P-SARs, once converted to SARs, expire 10 years after the grant date. At December 31, 2006, the total outstanding performance shares related to these performance-based plans measured at maximum payouts were 716,910 shares.

Between 1996 and 2006 SARs were granted (in addition to the P-SARs discussed above) to certain officers of the Company to provide long-term incentive compensation based solely on the performance of the Company'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 the Company) and expire after ten years or upon termination of employment. The SARs activity as well as weighted average base price for 2004, 2005, and 2006 is as follows:

	<b>Weighted Average Base Price</b>	<b>No. of SARs</b>
Balance at December 31,	\$23.91	1,617,161

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2003		
P-SARs converted	22.31	401,818
SARs exercised	18.68	(451,036)
Balance at December 31,		
2004	25.01	1,567,943
SARs granted	41.05	119,400
SARs exercised	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

The outstanding SARs at December 31, 2006, were at the following base prices:

<b>Base Price</b>	<b>SARs Outstanding</b>	<b>Remaining Life in Years</b>	<b>Currently Exercisable</b>
\$22.31	498,276	4	498,276
31.29	2,500	5	2,500
32.00	405,000	6	0
26.49	65,000	7	0
41.05	111,700	9	18,350
48.60	38,400	10	9,600
45.70	35,070	10	0

The SARs issued in 2005 and 2006 had estimated fair values at grant date of \$1.7 million and \$1.0 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 2005 SARs were as follows: expected volatility ranged from 24.1% to 31.9%, a risk-free interest rate ranging from 4.1% to 4.3%, a dividend rate of 2.0%, and the expected exercise date ranged from 2010 to 2014. Assumptions used in the model for the 2006 SARs were as follows: expected volatility ranged from 15.5% to 32.5%, the risk-free interest rate ranged 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. The Company will pay an amount in stock equal to the difference between the specified base price of the Company's Common Stock and the market value at the exercise date for each SAR.

Additionally during 2006, the Company issued 6,500 restricted stock units at a fair value of \$45.70 per unit. These awards, with a total fair value of \$0.3 million, vest over a three year period.

The Company recognizes all stock based compensation expense over the related service period of the award, or earlier for retirement eligible employees. The expense recorded by the Company for its stock-based compensation plans was \$0.5 million, \$6.1 million, and \$4.8 million in 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively. The Company's obligations of its stock-based compensation plans that are expected to be settled in shares of the Company's Common Stock are reported as a component of share-owners' equity, net of deferred taxes.

At December 31, 2006, approximately \$1.1 billion of consolidated share-owners' equity, excluding net unrealized gains on investments, represented net assets of the Company's insurance subsidiaries that cannot be transferred to Protective Life Corporation. In addition, the Company's insurance subsidiaries are subject to various state statutory and regulatory restrictions on the insurance subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends to Protective Life Corporation. 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 the Company by its insurance subsidiaries in 2007 is estimated to be \$446.7 million.

## 12. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

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

The Company sponsors a defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its employees. Benefits are based on years of service and the employee's highest thirty-six consecutive months of compensation. The Company's funding policy is to contribute amounts to the plan sufficient to meet the minimum funding requirements of ERISA plus such additional amounts as the Company 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. As a result of this plan's funded status at December 31, 2006, the Company expects that no funding will be required in 2007. The Company has not yet determined what amount, if any, it will fund in 2007.

The Company 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. The Company estimates that it will contribute \$1.2 million to this plan in 2007.

As discussed in Note 2, in September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS 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. SFAS 158 was adopted prospectively by the Company 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 the Company'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. The incremental effect of applying SFAS 158 effective December 31, 2006, on the individual line items in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet are as follows:

	<b>Before</b>		<b>After</b>	
	<b>Application of</b>		<b>Application of</b>	
	<b>SFAS 158</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>SFAS 158</b>	
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 adjustment, net of income tax	(2,471)	(20,549)	(23,020)	

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Total accumulated other comprehensive income, net of income tax	32,980	(20,549)	12,431
Total share-owners' equity	2,333,624	(20,549)	2,313,075

The Company 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 Company'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	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
<b>Change in projected benefit obligation:</b>				
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 111,295	\$ 97,399	\$ 23,810	\$ 21,566
Service cost	7,774	5,950	771	630
Interest cost	6,731	5,922	1,424	1,275
Actuarial (gain) or loss	(4,059)	4,041	489	1,616
Benefits paid	(2,327)	(2,017)	(1,274)	(1,277)
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$ 119,414	\$ 111,295	\$ 25,220	\$ 23,810
<b>Change in plan assets:</b>				
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 113,721	\$ 99,890	\$ 0	\$ 0
Actual return on plan assets	13,784	5,993	0	0
Employer contributions	0	9,855	1,274	1,277
Benefits paid	(2,327)	(2,017)	(1,274)	(1,277)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$ 125,178	\$ 113,721	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Reconciliation of Funded Status - Before SFAS 158:</b>				
Funded status	\$ 5,764	\$ 2,426	\$ (25,220)	\$ (23,810)
Unrecognized net actuarial loss	28,640	39,828	6,424	6,479
Unrecognized prior service cost	1,048	1,244	0	0
Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost	\$ 35,452	\$ 43,498	\$ (18,796)	\$ (17,331)
<b>Amounts Recognized in the Balance Sheet:</b>				
Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost	\$ 35,452	\$ 43,498	\$ (22,771)	\$ (20,783)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	0	0	3,975	3,452
Net amount recognized	\$ 35,452	\$ 43,498	\$ (18,796)	\$ (17,331)

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Increase in minimum liability included in other comprehensive income	\$	0	\$	0	\$	522	\$	1,772
Accumulated benefit obligation	\$	101,097	\$	93,360	\$	22,771	\$	20,783
Fair value of assets	\$	125,178	\$	113,721	\$	0	\$	0
Unfunded accumulated benefit obligation	\$	0	\$	0	\$	(22,771)	\$	(20,783)
<b>After Reflecting SFAS 158:</b>								
Funded status	\$	5,764	\$	2,426	\$	(25,220)	\$	(23,810)
<b>Amounts Recognized in the Balance Sheet:</b>								
Other assets	\$	5,764		N/A	\$	0		N/A
Other liabilities	\$	0		N/A	\$	(25,220)		N/A
<b>Amounts Recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income:</b>								
Net actuarial loss	\$	28,640		N/A	\$	6,424		N/A
Prior service cost		1,048		N/A		0		N/A
Net transition asset	\$	29,688		N/A	\$	6,424		N/A

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

	<b>Defined Benefit Pension Plan</b>		<b>Unfunded Excess Benefits Plan</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Discount rate	5.90%	5.63%	5.90%	5.63%
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:

	<b>Defined Benefit Pension Plan</b>			<b>Unfunded Excess Benefits Plan</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Discount rate	5.63%	5.75%	6.25%	5.63%	5.75%	6.25%
Rates of compensation increase	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.75	4.75	5.00
	8.25	8.25	8.50	N/A	N/A	N/A



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Expected long-term return on plan assets

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

	<b>Defined Benefit Pension Plan</b>			<b>Unfunded Excess Benefits Plan</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Service cost - Benefits earned during the period	\$ 7,774	\$ 5,950	\$ 5,408	\$ 771	\$ 629	\$ 542
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	6,731	5,922	5,506	1,424	1,276	1,302
Expected return on plan assets	(9,647)	(8,371)	(6,864)	0	0	0
Amortization of prior service cost	196	214	214	0	14	16
Amortization of actuarial losses	2,992	2,647	1,920	544	372	309
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 8,046	\$ 6,362	\$ 6,184	\$ 2,739	\$ 2,291	\$ 2,169

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 2007 are as follows:

	<b>Defined Benefit Pension Plan</b>	<b>Unfunded Excess Benefits Plan</b>
Net actuarial loss	\$2,100	\$401
P r i o r service cost	186	0
Transition Obligation	0	0

Plan assets of the defined benefit pension plan by category as of December 31 were as follows:

<b>Asset Category</b>	<b>Target Allocation for 2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	2.0%	2.8%	1.3%
Equity securities	60.0	68.2	67.6
Fixed income	38.0	29.0	31.1
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 Protective Life 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, the Company includes reserves for pre-July 1999 retirees. Based on historical data of the domestic equity markets and the Company's group annuity investments, the plan's target asset allocation would be expected to earn annualized returns in excess of 9% per year. In arriving at the plan's 8.25% expected rate of return, the Company has adjusted this historical data to reflect lower expectations for equity returns.

The Company'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 Protective Life.

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

Year	Defined	Unfunded
	Benefit Pension Plan	Excess Benefits Plan
2007	\$ 2,323	\$ 1,232
2008	2,759	1,290
2009	3,124	1,329
2010	3,687	1,400
2011	4,296	1,439
2012-2016	33,563	8,614

### Other Postretirement Benefits

In addition to pension benefits, the Company provides limited healthcare benefits to eligible retired employees until age 65. This postretirement benefit is provided by an unfunded plan. This benefit has no material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements. For a closed group of retirees over age 65, Protective provides a prescription drug benefit. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company's liability related to this benefit was \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. The Company'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.

**401(k) Retirement Plan**

The Company sponsors a defined contribution retirement plan (the “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 (\$15,000 for 2006). The Company 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 the Company’s financial performance achieves certain goals set by the 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 Company has established an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (“ESOP”) to match voluntary employee contributions to the Company’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, 2006, the Company had committed approximately 105,000 shares (approximately 100,000 shares to be released from the ESOP and 5,000 shares to be reissued from treasury) to fund the 401(k) Plan match. The expense recorded by the Company for these employee benefits was \$1.1 million, \$1.9 million, and \$2.0 million in 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

Effective as of January 1, 2005, the Company 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 the Company for this employee benefit was \$0.4 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, in 2006 and 2005.

**Deferred Compensation Plan**

The Company 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. The Company 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, 2006, the plans had 1,047,699 shares of Common Stock equivalents credited to participants. The Company’s obligations related to its deferred compensation plans are reported in other liabilities, unless they are to be settled in shares of the Company’s Common Stock, in which case they are reported as a component of share-owners’ equity.

**13.****EARNINGS PER SHARE**

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period, including shares issuable under various deferred compensation plans. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares and dilutive potential common shares outstanding during the period, including shares issuable under various stock-based compensation plans and stock purchase contracts.

A reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted earnings per share is presented below:

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Calculation of basic earnings per share:			

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Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting	\$ 281,561	\$ 246,567	\$ 250,381
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	0	0	(15,801)
Net income	\$ 281,561	\$ 246,567	\$ 234,580
Average shares issued and outstanding	69,804,546	69,632,489	69,358,641
Stock held in trust	0	0	(60,478)
Issuable under various deferred compensation plans	990,907	929,697	1,001,307
Weighted shares outstanding - Basic	70,795,453	70,562,186	70,299,470
Per share:			
Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting	\$ 3.98	\$ 3.49	\$ 3.56
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	0.00	0.00	(0.22)
Basic earnings per share	\$ 3.98	\$ 3.49	\$ 3.34
Calculation of diluted earnings per share:			
Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting	\$ 281,561	\$ 246,567	\$ 250,381
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	0	0	(15,801)
Net income	\$ 281,561	\$ 246,567	\$ 234,580
Weighted shares outstanding - Basic	70,795,453	70,562,185	70,299,470
Stock held in trust	0	0	60,478
Stock appreciation rights ("SARs" <sup>(a)</sup> )	284,912	304,779	313,984
Issuable under various other stock-based compensation plans	310,148	483,577	390,607
Weighted shares outstanding - Diluted	71,390,513	71,350,541	71,064,539
Per share:			
Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.52
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	0.00	0.00	(0.22)
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.30

(a) Excludes 168,945, 119,400, and 0 SARs as of December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively, that are antidilutive. In the event the average market price exceeds the issue price of the SARs, such rights would be dilutive to the Company's earnings per share and will be included in the Company's calculation of the diluted average shares outstanding.

#### 14. INCOME TAXES

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

	2006	2005	2004
Statutory federal income tax rate applied to pre-tax income	35.0	35.0	35.0
	%	%	%
State income taxes	0.9	1.1	0.7
Investment income not subject to tax	(1.7)	(1.8)	(1.5)
Other	0.6	0.3	0.8
	34.8	34.6	35.0
	%	%	%

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:

	2006	2005	2004
Income tax expense per the income tax returns:			
Federal	\$ 24,731	\$ 19,040	\$122,309
State	1,036	2,960	3,854
Total current	\$ 25,767	\$ 22,000	\$126,163
Deferred income tax expense:			
Federal	\$119,792	\$106,198	\$ 8,657
State	4,788	2,248	0
Total deferred	\$124,580	\$108,446	\$ 8,657

During the year ended December 31, 2004 the Company adopted SOP 03-1 and recognized a deferred tax benefit of approximately \$8,508. This amount was included in the Company's cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle of \$(15,801). This benefit, when combined with the \$8,657 of deferred income tax expense above, resulted in a total deferred income tax expense in 2004 of \$149.

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

	2006	2005
Deferred income tax assets:		
Premium receivables and policy liabilities	\$550,021	\$387,636
Other	0	10,933
	550,021	398,569
Deferred income tax liabilities:	888,526	683,368

Deferred policy acquisition costs		
Unrealized gains on investments	1,538	32,518
Other	34,443	0
	924,507	715,886
Net deferred income tax liability	\$374,486	\$317,317

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.

## 15. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The following table sets forth supplemental cash flow information for the years ended December 31:

	2006	2005	2004
Cash paid during the year:			
Interest on debt	\$ 68,777	\$ 57,191	\$ 49,107
Income taxes	75,762	116,897	117,240
Noncash investing and financing activities:			
Reissuance of treasury stock to ESOP	2,168	2,309	888
Change in unallocated stock in ESOP	379	379	378
Stock-based compensation	3,171	12,106	9,331
Increase (decrease) in collateral for securities lending transactions	105,310	(195,175)	214,824

## 16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain corporations with which the Company'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 \$10.2 million, \$9.0 million, and \$10.5 million in 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively. The Company paid commissions, interest on debt and investment products, and fees to these same corporations totaling \$2.8 million, \$2.2 million, and \$2.6 million in 2006, 2005, and 2004, 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 share-owners' equity; (d) the Asset Valuation Reserve and Interest Maintenance Reserve are restored to share-owners' 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 Protective Life amounted to \$451.5 million, \$41.6 million, and \$235.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively. Statutory capital and surplus of Protective Life amounted to \$1,388.4 million and \$1,379.6 million at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

As of December 31, 2006, the Company's insurance subsidiaries had on deposit with regulatory authorities, fixed maturity and short-term investments with a market value of approximately \$62.3 million.

## 18. ESTIMATED FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments at December 31 are as follows:

	2006		2005	
	Carrying Amounts	Fair Values	Carrying Amounts	Fair Value
Assets (see Notes 1 and 4):				
Investments:				
Fixed maturities	\$ 21,367,263	\$ 21,367,263	\$ 15,472,386	\$ 15,472,386
Equity securities	128,695	128,695	121,012	121,012
Mortgage loans on real estate	3,880,028	3,981,898	3,287,745	3,422,808
Short-term investments	1,381,073	1,381,073	776,139	776,139
Cash	69,516	69,516	83,670	83,670
Liabilities (see Notes 1 and 4):				
Stable value product account balances	5,513,464	5,511,717	6,057,721	6,004,310
Annuity account balances	8,958,089	8,717,755	3,388,005	3,327,309
Debt:				
Bank borrowings	64,600	64,600	68,000	68,000
Senior and Medium-Term Notes	409,852	390,266	409,852	392,568
Subordinated debt securities	524,743	533,859	324,743	323,638
Other (see Note 2):				
Derivative financial instruments	52,336	52,336	63,316	63,316

Except as noted below, fair values were estimated using quoted market prices.

The Company estimates the fair value of its mortgage loans using discounted cash flows from the next call date. The Company believes the fair value of its short-term investments and notes payable to banks approximates book value due to being either short-term or having a variable rate of interest. The Company also believes the fair value of its non-recourse funding obligations approximate book value.

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 its 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 its derivative financial instruments using market quotes or derivative pricing models. The fair values represent the net amount of cash the Company 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 (“traditional”), 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, direct marketing channels, 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 (“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.
- 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 an inventory protection product (“IPP”) and a guaranteed asset protection (“GAP”) product.

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 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 surety and residual value insurance lines were moved from the Asset Protection segment to Corporate and Other in 2004, and prior period segment data has been restated to reflect the change.

The Company uses the same accounting policies and procedures to measure segment operating income and assets as it uses to measure its 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



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which the performance of the Company's 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 are no significant intersegment transactions.

The following tables summarize financial information for the Company's segments. Asset adjustments represent the inclusion of assets related to discontinued operations.

	2006		2005		2004
<b>Revenues</b>					
Life Marketing	\$ 867,663	\$	661,629	\$	541,570
Acquisitions	706,650		411,610		439,103
Annuities	269,620		288,911		258,106
Stable Value Products	326,814		294,650		281,409
Asset Protection	296,327		258,098		275,353
Corporate and Other	212,059		194,306		193,034
Total revenues	\$ 2,679,133	\$	2,109,204	\$	1,988,575
<b>Segment Operating Income</b>					
Life Marketing	\$ 174,189	\$	163,661	\$	165,897
Acquisitions	104,534		80,611		87,300
Annuities	24,645		31,933		16,467
Stable Value Products	47,073		54,798		53,159
Asset Protection	9,811		24,901		19,079
Corporate and Other	11,776		47,229		21,560
Total segment operating income	372,028		403,133		363,462
Realized investment gains (losses) - investments <sup>(1)</sup>	81,386		15,803		21,370
Realized investment gains (losses) - derivatives <sup>(2)</sup>	(21,506)		(41,923)		369
Income tax expense	(150,347)		(130,446)		(134,820)
Net income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	281,561		246,567		250,381
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	0		0		(15,801)
Net income	\$ 281,561	\$	246,567	\$	234,580
(1) Realized investment gains (losses) - investments	\$ 104,084	\$	49,393	\$	28,305
Less participating income from real estate ventures	13,494		8,684		0
Less related amortization of DAC	9,204		24,906		6,935
	\$ 81,836	\$	15,803	\$	21,370
(2) Realized investment gains (losses) - derivatives	\$ (21,516)	\$	(30,881)	\$	19,591
Less settlements on certain interest rate swaps	2,737		11,393		19,222
Less derivative losses related to certain annuities	(2,747)		(351)		0
	\$ (21,506)	\$	(41,923)	\$	369
<b>Net investment income</b>					
Life Marketing	\$ 308,497	\$	261,859	\$	238,193

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Acquisitions	413,636	223,201	232,499
Annuities	225,160	218,700	210,888
Stable Value Products	325,653	310,715	268,184
Asset Protection	33,345	32,389	30,939
Corporate and Other	113,487	133,638	103,514
Total net investment income	\$ 1,419,778	\$ 1,180,502	\$ 1,084,217

**Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs and value of businesses acquired**

Life Marketing	\$ 60,227	\$ 55,688	\$ 58,970
Acquisitions	58,814	27,072	28,652
Annuities	27,872	37,512	32,271
Stable Value Products	4,438	4,694	3,480
Asset Protection	71,065	69,474	72,273
Corporate and Other	3,388	4,063	4,484
Total amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	\$ 225,804	\$ 198,503	\$ 200,130

**Operating Segment Assets  
December 31, 2006**

	<b>Life Marketing</b>	<b>Acquisitions</b>	<b>Annuities</b>	<b>Stable Value Products</b>
Investments and other assets	\$ 8,041,854	\$ 10,650,928	\$ 8,142,681	\$ 5,369,107
Deferred policy acquisition costs and value of businesses acquired	1,846,219	925,218	261,826	16,603
Goodwill	10,354	32,007		
Total assets	\$ 9,898,427	\$ 11,608,153	\$ 8,404,507	\$ 5,385,710

	<b>Asset Protection</b>	<b>Corporate and Other</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Total Consolidated</b>
Investments and other assets	\$ 992,932	\$ 3,261,874	\$ 36,704	\$ 36,496,080
Deferred policy acquisition costs and value of businesses acquired	125,745	23,124		3,198,735
Goodwill	58,035	83		100,479
Total assets	\$ 1,176,712	\$ 3,285,081	\$ 36,704	\$ 39,795,294

**Operating Segment Assets  
December 31, 2005**

	<b>Life Marketing</b>	<b>Acquisitions</b>	<b>Annuities</b>	<b>Stable Value Products</b>
Investments and other assets	\$ 7,219,157	\$ 3,914,853	\$ 6,065,367	\$ 5,959,112
Deferred policy acquisition costs and	1,584,325	330,278	128,930	19,102

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value of businesses acquired					
Goodwill		10,354			
Total assets	\$	8,813,836	\$	4,245,131	\$ 6,194,297 \$ 5,978,214

		<b>Asset Protection</b>		<b>Corporate and Other</b>		<b>Adjustments</b>		<b>Total Consolidated</b>
Investments and other assets	\$	812,774	\$	2,732,774	\$	41,545	\$	26,745,582
Deferred policy acquisition costs and value of businesses acquired		101,972		7,381				2,171,988
Goodwill		38,986		83				49,423
Total assets	\$	953,732	\$	2,740,238	\$	41,545	\$	28,966,993

**20. CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY RESULTS - UNAUDITED**

The Company's unaudited consolidated quarterly operating data for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 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 share-owners' equity, and cash flows for a period of several quarters.

		<b>First Quarter</b>		<b>Second Quarter</b>		<b>Third Quarter</b>		<b>Fourth Quarter</b>
<b>2006</b>								
Premiums and policy fees	\$	507,694	\$	506,211	\$	637,457	\$	665,975
Reinsurance ceded		(280,670)		(307,769)		(371,688)		(411,088)
Net of reinsurance ceded		227,024		198,442		265,769		254,887
Net investment income		299,065		300,734		410,746		409,233
Realized investment gains (losses)		18,490		9,864		23,343		30,871
Other income		48,536		53,599		62,355		66,175
Total revenues		593,115		562,639		762,213		761,166
Benefits and expenses		482,458		459,953		674,315		630,499
Income before income tax		110,657		102,686		87,898		130,667
Income tax expense		38,520		35,745		30,597		45,485
Net income	\$	72,137	\$	66,941	\$	57,301	\$	85,182
Net income per share - basic	\$	1.02	\$	0.94	\$	0.81	\$	1.21
Average shares outstanding - basic		70,752,202		70,805,802		70,789,982		70,811,686
Net income per share - diluted	\$	1.01	\$	0.94	\$	0.80	\$	1.19
Average shares outstanding - diluted		71,559,255		71,381,677		71,355,221		71,269,472
<b>2005</b>								
Premiums and policy fees	\$	468,514	\$	484,643	\$	486,660	\$	515,963
Reinsurance ceded		(282,152)		(312,511)		(282,919)		(349,275)
Net of reinsurance ceded		186,362		172,132		203,741		166,688
Net investment income		287,953		282,374		306,885		303,290
Realized investment gains (losses)		21,510		(13,541)		11,274		(731)
Other income		44,284		45,505		47,377		44,101

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Total revenues	540,109	486,470	569,277	513,348
Benefits and expenses	448,239	413,028	462,410	408,514
Income before income tax	91,870	73,442	106,867	104,834
Income tax expense	31,787	25,411	36,976	36,272
Net income	\$ 60,083	\$ 48,031	\$ 69,891	\$ 68,562
Net income per share - basic	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.99	\$ 0.97
Average shares outstanding - basic	70,474,337	70,517,476	70,582,016	70,672,518
Net income per share - diluted	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.96
Average shares outstanding - diluted	71,273,760	71,279,363	71,350,044	71,496,555

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Share Owners of  
Protective Life Corporation:

We have completed integrated audits of Protective Life Corporation's consolidated financial statements and of its internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006 in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Our opinions, based on our audits, are presented below.

Consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the accompanying index present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Protective Life Corporation and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2006 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 index appearing under Item 15(2) 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 of financial statements 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 of the consolidated financial statements, Protective Life Corporation changed its method of accounting for defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans on December 31, 2006. Additionally, as discussed in Note 7, Protective Life Corporation changed its method of accounting for certain nontraditional long-duration contracts and separate accounts on January 1, 2004.

Internal control over financial reporting

Also, in our opinion, management's assessment, included in Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting appearing under Item 9A, that the Company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006 based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"), is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on those criteria. Furthermore, in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006 based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the COSO. The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express opinions on management's assessment and on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We conducted our audit of internal control over financial reporting 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 effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. An audit of internal control over financial reporting includes obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, evaluating management's assessment, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control, and

performing such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As described in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, management has excluded the Chase Insurance Group and Western General from its assessment of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006 because they were acquired by the Company in purchase business combinations during 2006. We have also excluded the Chase Insurance Group and Western General from our audit of internal control over financial reporting. The Chase Insurance Group and Western General are wholly-owned subsidiaries whose total assets represent \$10 billion (25%) and whose total revenues represent \$336 million (13%) of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006.

A company's 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 generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) 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 risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Birmingham, Alabama  
February 28, 2007

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**Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

**(a) Disclosure controls and procedures**

Under the direction of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we evaluated our disclosure controls and procedures and concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2006. 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 control 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. The Company's 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. The Company's 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, 2006. 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, 2006, 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.

Management's evaluation of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006, did not extend to the internal controls of the Chase Insurance Group or Western General, as they were acquired by the Company in purchase business combinations during 2006. The Chase Insurance Group and Western General are wholly-owned subsidiaries whose total assets represent \$10 billion (25%) and whose total revenues represent \$336 million (13%) of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006.



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Management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report included in Item 8.

February 28, 2007

**(c) Changes in internal control over financial reporting**

As a result of the recent acquisitions of the Chase Insurance Group and Western General, the Company is in the process of making a number of significant changes in its internal controls over financial reporting which began in the third quarter of 2006. The changes involve combining and centralizing the financial reporting process and the attendant personnel, and system changes. The Company expects this process to continue as we continue to integrate the new businesses into our existing corporate structure in 2007. Except as described above, no changes in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2006 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 the Company continually strives to improve its internal controls and procedures to enhance the quality of its financial reporting.

**Item 9B. Other Information**

None

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**PART III**

**Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

The information regarding Executive Officers called for by this item is included in Item 1.

**Audit Committee Financial Expert**

The Board has determined that the Company has at least one “audit committee financial expert,” as defined under applicable SEC rules and regulations, and has determined that Ms. Wilson is an audit committee financial expert. While Ms. Wilson possesses the attributes of an “audit committee financial expert,” as defined under applicable SEC rules and regulations, she is not and never has been an accountant or an auditor, and this financial expert designation does not impose any duties, obligations or liabilities that are greater than the duties, obligations and liabilities imposed by being a member of the Audit Committee or the Board. The Board has also determined that Ms. Wilson is “independent” as defined under the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and the independence standards for audit committee members in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and rules thereunder.

The remaining information called for by this item is incorporated by reference to "Election of Directors", "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance", "Corporate Governance", "Audit Committee" and "Board Composition, Qualifications, and Nominations" in the Company's definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Share Owners to be held May 7, 2007.

**Item 11. Executive Compensation**

The information called for by this Item is incorporated by reference to “Executive Compensation” and “Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation” in the Company's definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Share Owners to be held May 7, 2007.

**Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters**

The information called for by this Item is included in Item 5, “Market for the Registrant’s Common Equity and Related Share-Owner Matters” and incorporated by reference to "Beneficial Ownership" in the Company's definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Share Owners to be held May 7, 2007.

**Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence**

The information called for by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to "Director Independence, Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" in the Company's definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Share Owners to be held May 7, 2007.

**Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

The information called for by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to "Auditor Fees and Services" in the Company's definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Share Owners to be held May 7, 2007.



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**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

The following documents are filed as part of this report:

1. Financial Statements (See Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data)
2. Financial Statement Schedules:

The Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm which covers the financial statement schedules appears on page 107 of this report. The following schedules are located in this report on the pages indicated.

- Schedule II - Condensed Financial Information of Registrant
- Schedule III - Supplementary Insurance Information
- Schedule IV - Reinsurance
- Schedule V - Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

All other schedules to the consolidated financial statements required by Article 7 of Regulation S-X are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable and therefore have been omitted.

3. Exhibits:

Included as exhibits are the items listed below. 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.

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- \*2(a) Stock and Asset Purchase Agreement By and Among Protective Life Corporation, Protective Life Insurance Company, Fortis, Inc. and Dental Care Holdings, Inc. dated July 9, 2001, filed as Exhibit 2(a) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10 K for the year ended December 31, 2001. (No. 001-12332)
- \*2(b) Indemnity Reinsurance Agreement By and Between Protective Life Insurance Company and Fortis Benefits Insurance Company dated December 31, 2001, filed as Exhibit 2(b) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001. (No. 001-12332)
- \*2(c) Indemnity Reinsurance Agreement By and Between Empire General Life Assurance Corporation and Fortis Benefits Insurance Company dated December 31, 2001, filed as Exhibit 2(c) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001. (No. 001-12332)

- \*2(d) Indemnity Reinsurance Agreement By and Between Protective Life & Annuity Insurance Company and First Fortis Life Insurance Company dated December 31, 2001, filed as Exhibit 2(d) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001. (No. 001-12332)
- \*2(e) 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. (No. 001-11339)

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- \*3(a) 1998 Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware on November 12, 1998, filed as Exhibit 3(a) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 1998. (No. 001-12332)
- \*3(b) 2004 Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company, as adopted August 2, 2004, filed as Exhibit 4(b) to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed December 30, 2004. (No. 333-121791)
- \*4(a) Reference is made to Exhibit 3(a) above. (No. 001-12332)
- 4(b) Reference is made to Exhibit 3(b) above. (No. 333-121791)
- \*4(c) Certificate of Trust of PLC Capital Trust III filed as Exhibit 4(bb) to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed July 8, 1997. (No. 333-30965)
- \*4(d) Declaration of Trust of PLC Capital Trust II filed as Exhibit 4 (ee) to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed July 8, 1997. (No. 333-30965)
- \*4(e) Form of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of PLC Capital III, dated August 22, 2001 filed as Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Filing on Form 8-K filed August 22, 2001. (No. 001-12332)
- \*4(f) Form of Preferred Security Certificate for PLC Capital Trust III (included in Exhibit 4(e)). (No. 001-12332)
- \*4(g) Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement, dated August 22, 2001 with respect to Preferred Securities issued by PLC Capital Trust III filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 23, 2001. (No. 001-12332)
- \*4(h) Certificate of Trust of PLC Capital Trust IV filed as Exhibit 4(cc) to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed July 8, 1997. (No. 333-30905)
- \*4(i) Declaration of Trust of PLC Capital Trust IV filed as Exhibit 4(ff) to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed July 8, 1997. (No. 333-30905)
- \*4(j) Form of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust for PLC Capital Trust IV filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 25, 2002.
- \*4(k)

- Form of Preferred Security Certificate for PLC Capital Trust IV (included as Exhibit A-1 of Exhibit 4(j)).
- \*4(l) Form of Guarantee with respect to Preferred Securities of PLC Capital Trust IV filed as Exhibit 4(x) to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed July 8, 1997. (No. 333-30905)
  - \*4(m) Certificate of Trust of PLC Capital Trust V filed as Exhibit 4(cc) to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed May 5, 2003. (No. 333-105003)
  - \*4(n) Declaration of Trust of PLC Capital Trust V filed as Exhibit 4(ee) to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed May 5, 2003. (No. 333-105003)
  - \*4(o) Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of PLC Capital Trust V filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 28, 2004. (No. 001-11339)
  - \*4(p) Form of Preferred Security Certificate for PLC Capital Trust V (included as Exhibit A-1 of Exhibit 4(o)). (No. 001-11339)
  - \*4(q) Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement, dated January 27, 2004, with respect to Preferred Securities issued by PLC Capital Trust V filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 28, 2004. (No. 001-11339)
  - \*4(r) Form of Capital Security of the Company files as Exhibit 99.5 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on June 30, 2006.
  - \*10(a)† The Company's Annual Incentive Plan (effective as of January 1, 2002) filed as Exhibit 10(a) to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 10, 2005. (No. 001-11339)
  - \*10(b)† The Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan as amended and restated as of May 5, 2003, filed as Exhibit 10 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed May 15, 2003. (No. 001-12332)
  - \*10(b)(1)† Form of Performance Share Award Letter under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan filed as Exhibit 10(a) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed November 9, 2004. (No. 001-11339)
  - \*10(b)(2)† Form of Performance Share Award Letter for Senior Officers under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan filed as Exhibit 10(b)(1) to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 10, 2005. (No. 001-11339)
  - \*10(b)(3)† Form of Stock Appreciation Rights Award Letter under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan filed as Exhibit 10(b) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed November 9, 2004. (No. 001-11339)
  - \*10(b)(4)† Form of Stock Appreciation Rights Award Letter for Senior Officers under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan filed as Exhibit 10(b)(2) to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 10, 2005. (No. 001-11339)
  - \*10(b)(5)† Form of Stock Appreciation Rights Award Letter for under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan filed as Exhibit 10(b)(3) to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 10, 2005. (No. 001-11339)

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- \*10(b)(6)<sup>†</sup>Amendment to the Protective Life Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan filed as Exhibit 10(b)(1) to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 9, 2006. (No. 001-11339)
- \*10(b)(7)<sup>†</sup>Form of Restricted Stock Units Award Letter filed as Exhibit 10(a) to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 9, 2006. (001-11339)
- \*10(c)<sup>†</sup> Excess Benefit Plan filed as Exhibit 10(d) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed November 9, 2004. (No. 001-11339)
- \*10(d)<sup>†</sup> Form of Indemnity Agreement for Directors filed as Exhibit 19.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed August 14, 1986. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(d)(1)<sup>†</sup>Form of Indemnity Agreement for Officers filed as Exhibit 10(d)(1) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(e)<sup>†</sup> Form of the Company's Employment Continuation Agreement (Executives) filed as Exhibit 10(a) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed May 10, 2004. (No. 001-11339)
- \*10(e)(1)<sup>†</sup>Form of the Company's Employment Continuation Agreement (Senior Officers) filed as Exhibit 10(b) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed May 10, 2004. (No. 001-11339)
- \*10(f)<sup>†</sup> The Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors Who Are Not Employees of the Company as amended through March 3, 1997, filed as Exhibit 10(e) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed May 14, 1997. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(f)(1)<sup>†</sup>Amendment to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors who are not Employees of the Company effective as of November 4, 2002, filed as Exhibit 10(f)(1) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(g)<sup>†</sup> The Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Officers as amended through March 3, 1997, filed as Exhibit 10(d) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed May 14, 1997. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(g)(1)<sup>†</sup>Amendment to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Officers effective as of February 5, 2001, filed as Exhibit 10(g)(1) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(g)(2)<sup>†</sup>Amendment to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Officers effective as of November 4, 2002, filed as Exhibit 10(g)(2) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(h)<sup>†</sup> The Company's 1996 Stock Incentive Plan as amended through March 3, 1997, filed as Exhibit 10(c) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed May 14, 1997. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(h)(1)<sup>†</sup>The Company's specimen letter confirming grants under the Company's 1996 Stock Incentive Plan, filed as Exhibit 10(2) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed November 13, 1996. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(i)<sup>†</sup>

Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors of Protective Life Corporation filed as Exhibit 10 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed August 9, 2004. (No. 001-11339)

- \*10(j) 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(c) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed November 9, 2004. (No. 001-11339)
- \*10(k) Reference is made to Exhibit 2(a) above, filed as Exhibit 10(j) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(l) Reference is made to Exhibit 2(b) above, filed as Exhibit 10(k) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(m) Lease Agreement dated as of February 1, 2000, between Wachovia Capital Investments, Inc. and the Company, filed as Exhibit 10(l) to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(m)(l) First Amendment to Lease Agreement dated as of October 31, 2001, between Wachovia Capital Investments, Inc. and the Company, filed as Exhibit 10(l)(l) to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(n) Investment and Participation Agreement dated as of February 1, 2000, among the Company and Wachovia Capital Investments, Inc., filed as Exhibit 10(m) to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(n)(1) First Amendment to Investment and Participation Agreement and Lease Agreement dated as of November 30, 2002, among the Company, Wachovia Capital Investments, Inc., and SunTrust Bank and LaSalle Bank National Association, filed as Exhibit 10(m)(1) to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(n)(2) Second Amendment to Investment and Participation Agreement and Lease Agreement dated as of March 11, 2002 among the Company, Wachovia Capital Investments, Inc., and SunTrust Bank and LaSalle Bank National Association, filed as Exhibit 10(m)(2) to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(n)(3) Third Amendment to Investment and Participation Agreement and Lease Agreement dated as of July 22, 2002 among the Company, Wachovia Capital Investments, Inc., and SunTrust Bank and LaSalle Bank National Association, filed as Exhibit 10(m)(3) to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002. (No. 001-12332)
- \*10(o) Guarantee of Protective Life Corporation dated February 7, 2006, filed as Exhibit 10.01 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 13, 2006. (No. 001-11339)



- 21 Organization Chart of the Company and Affiliates.
- 23 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
- 24 Powers 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.
- 99 Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements.

\*incorporated by reference

Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

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**SCHEDULE II - CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
OF REGISTRANT  
STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION  
(Parent Company)**

	Years Ended December 31		
	2006	2005	2004
	(Dollars in thousands)		
<b>Revenues</b>			
Dividends from subsidiaries*	\$ 57,268	\$ 2,322	\$ 1,665
Service fees from subsidiaries*	103,560	108,956	109,896
Net investment income	958	2,944	1,273
Realized investment gains	2,283	8,679	23,531
Other income	0	292	136
Total revenues	164,069	123,193	136,501
<b>Expenses</b>			
Operating and administrative	51,366	67,243	81,065
Interest - subsidiaries	22,987	22,642	22,168
Interest - other	29,249	22,116	20,444
Total expenses	103,602	112,001	123,677
Income before income tax and other items below	60,467	11,192	12,824
Income tax expense (benefit)	(8)	4,635	(120)
Income before equity in undistributed income of subsidiaries	60,475	6,557	12,944
Equity in undistributed income of subsidiaries*	221,086	240,010	237,437
Net income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	281,561	246,567	250,381
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of income tax	0	0	(15,801)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 281,561</b>	<b>\$ 246,567</b>	<b>\$ 234,580</b>

See Notes to Condensed Financial Information.

\*Eliminated in consolidation.

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**SCHEDULE II - CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
OF REGISTRANT  
BALANCE SHEETS  
PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION  
(Parent Company)**

	<b>December 31</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	(Dollars in thousands)	
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments:		
Fixed maturities	\$ 2,228	\$ 2,145
Other long-term investments	42,286	39,052
Short-term investments	2,000	6,971
Investments in subsidiaries (equity method)*	3,333,509	2,967,547
Total investments	3,380,023	3,015,715
Cash	0	2,749
Receivables from subsidiaries*	17,810	18,096
Property and equipment, net	984	1,316
Other	29,874	58,968
Total assets	\$ 3,428,691	\$ 3,096,844
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$ 87,556	\$ 72,439
Accrued income taxes	6,498	2,489
Deferred income taxes	22,367	35,661
Long-term debt	474,452	477,852
Subordinated debt securities	524,743	324,743
Total liabilities	1,115,616	913,184
<b>Commitments and contingent liabilities - Note 4</b>		
<b>Share-owners' equity</b>		
Preferred stock		
Common stock	36,626	36,626
Additional paid-in capital	438,485	440,474
Treasury stock	(11,796)	(12,765)
Unallocated stock in employee stock ownership plan	(1,231)	(1,610)
Retained earnings, including undistributed income of subsidiaries: (2006 - \$2,138,683; 2005 - \$1,917,597)	1,838,560	1,615,715
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Net unrealized gains on investments, all from subsidiaries, net of income tax: (2006 - \$22,109; 2005 - \$57,649)	41,405	104,489
Accumulated gain (loss) - hedging, net of income tax: (2006 - \$(3,179); 2005 - \$394)	(5,954)	731
Minimum pension liability adjustment, net of income tax: (2006 - \$(12,292); 2005 - \$0)	(23,020)	0
Total share-owners' equity	2,313,075	2,183,660
	\$ 3,428,691	\$ 3,096,844

See Notes to Condensed Financial Information.

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**SCHEDULE II - CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
OF REGISTRANT  
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION  
(Parent Company)**

	Year Ended December 31		
	2006	2005	2004
	(Dollars in thousands)		
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net income	\$ 281,561	\$ 246,567	\$ 234,580
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Realized investment (gains) losses	(2,283)	(8,679)	2,466
Equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries*	(221,086)	(240,010)	(237,437)
Non-cash dividend from subsidiary	(54,000)	0	0
Depreciation expense	332	264	0
Deferred income taxes	(711)	2,628	(10,120)
Accrued income taxes	1,918	7,331	40,790
Accrued expenses	13,177	4,478	(2,448)
Accrued investment income	0	44	(44)
Receivables from subsidiaries	286	1,813	(9,305)
Other (net)	(11,628)	6,825	(17,728)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>7,566</b>	<b>21,261</b>	<b>754</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of and/or additional investments in subsidiaries*	(156,695)	(390)	(53,352)
Purchase of property and equipment	0	(520)	0
Cost of investments acquired	(85)	(93)	(5,293)
Sale of investments	228	7,783	991
Change in other long-term investments, net	0	484	2,650
Change in short-term investments, net	4,970	(6,141)	(179)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>(151,582)</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>(55,183)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Borrowings under line of credit arrangements and long-term debt	166,600	79,100	407,400
Principal payments on line of credit arrangements and long-term debt	(170,000)	(45,799)	(417,264)
Issuance of subordinated debt securities	200,000	0	103,093
Dividends to share owners	(58,715)	(52,936)	(47,508)
Excess tax benefits on stock based compensation	3,382	0	0
Other financing activities	0	0	8,224
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>141,267</b>	<b>(19,635)</b>	<b>53,945</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash</b>	<b>(2,749)</b>	<b>2,749</b>	<b>(484)</b>
<b>Cash at beginning of year</b>	<b>2,749</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>484</b>
<b>Cash at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 2,749</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

See Notes to Condensed Financial Information.

\*Eliminated in consolidation.

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**SCHEDULE II - CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
OF REGISTRANT  
PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION  
(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 Corporation and subsidiaries.

**1. BUSINESS**

**Nature of Operations**

Protective Life Corporation is a holding company whose subsidiaries provide financial services through the production, distribution, and administration of insurance and investment products.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Investments**

Investments are reported on the following bases:

- Fixed maturities consist of bonds and redeemable preferred stocks, and are carried at fair value. 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.
- Other long-term investments are carried at a variety of methods as deemed appropriate for the specific investment.
  - Short-term investments are carried at amortized cost, which approximates current market value.
  - Investments in subsidiaries are recorded under the equity method of accounting.

**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, 2006 and 2005, the Company evaluated its goodwill and determined that fair value had not decreased below carrying value and no adjustment to impair goodwill was necessary in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, "Goodwill and Other intangible Assets" ("SFAS 142").

### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are reported at cost 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.



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**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. This strategy is developed through the asset/liability committee's analysis of data from financial simulation models and other internal and industry sources and then incorporated into the Company's risk management program. Derivative instruments that are currently used as part of the Company's interest rate risk management strategy include interest rate swaps.

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 also maintains netting and collateral support arrangements with its counterparties to further minimize the credit risk associated with its derivative instruments. 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 its overall asset/liability management programs and strategies.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133 ("SFAS 133") 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".

**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 qualified 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 interest rate swaps to convert the fixed interest rate payments on certain of its debt obligations to a floating rate. Interest is exchanged periodically on the notional value, with the Company receiving the fixed rate and paying various LIBOR-based rates. In 2006, 2005, and 2004, the Company recognized pre-tax gains of \$0.8 million, \$1.7 million, and \$17.6 million, respectively, representing the change in value of these derivatives and related net settlements.

The Company has also entered into a total return swap in connection with a portfolio of investment securities managed by the Company for an unrelated party. The Company recognized a \$1.0 million pre-tax gain, a \$1.8 million pre-tax loss, and a \$8.4 million pre-tax gain in 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively, for the change in the total return swap's fair value.

## 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 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.

## New Accounting Pronouncements

**SFAS No. 155 - Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments - an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140.** In February 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued SFAS No. 155, “Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments - an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140” (“SFAS155”). SFAS155 amends Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, “Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities” (“SFAS 133”) and Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 140, “Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishment of Liabilities” (“SFAS 140”) and resolves issues addressed in SFAS 133 DIG Issue D1, “Application of Statement 133 to Beneficial Interest in Securitized Financial Assets.” SFAS 155 partially eliminates the exemption from applying the bifurcation requirements of SFAS 133 to interests in securitized financial assets, in an effort to ensure that similar instruments are accounted for consistently regardless of the form of the instrument. The Company continues to evaluate the impact of SFAS 155, which is effective for all financial instruments acquired or issued after January 1, 2007, but does not currently believe that its adoption will have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

**FASB Interpretation No. 48.** In July 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, “Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an Interpretation of FASB Statement 109,” (“FIN 48”). FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006, and therefore will be adopted by the Company effective January 1, 2007. This interpretation requires, in order for the Company to recognize a benefit in its 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 return position. In making this analysis, the Company must assume that the taxing authority is fully informed of all of the facts regarding this issue. FIN 48 also provides guidance on how the benefit, if any, that will be recognized in the financial statements should be measured. Furthermore, new disclosures regarding the effect of the accounting for uncertain tax positions on the financial statements will be required. Any adjustment to the Company’s December 31, 2006 Consolidated Balance Sheet due to the adoption of FIN 48 will be recognized as an adjustment to the Company’s January 1, 2007 retained earnings. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of FIN 48 will have on its Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2006 and on its Consolidated Statements of Income in future periods.

**SFAS No. 157 - Fair Value Measurements.** In September 2006, FASB issued SFAS No. 157, “Fair Value Measurements”. This statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is effective prospectively with a limited form of retrospective application for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 with early adoption encouraged. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that SFAS No. 157 will have on its consolidated results of operations and financial position.

**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 (“SFAS 158”), “Employers’ Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans, which amends SFAS No. 87, “Employers’ Accounting for Pensions” (“SFAS 87”), SFAS No. 88, “Employers’ Accounting for Settlements

and Curtailments of Defined Benefit Pension Plans and for Termination Benefits” (“SFAS 88”), SFAS No. 106, “Employers’ Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions” (“SFAS 106”), and SFAS No. 132 (revised), “Employers’ Disclosures About Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits” (“SFAS 132 (R)”). SFAS 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 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 158 is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2006 and therefore has been adopted by the Company 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 the Company’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. The incremental effect of applying SFAS 158 effective December 31, 2006, on the individual line items in the Company’s consolidated balance sheet are as follows:

	<b>Before Application of SFAS 158</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>After Application of SFAS 158</b>
Other assets	\$ 59,562	\$(29,688)	\$ 29,874
Total assets	3,458,379	(29,688)	3,428,691
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	85,630	1,926	87,556
Deferred income taxes	33,432	(11,065)	22,367
Total liabilities	1,124,755	(9,139)	1,115,616
Accumulated other comprehensive income:			
Minimum pension liability adjustment, 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 share-owners’ equity	2,333,624	(20,549)	2,313,075

**Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108.** In September 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108 (“SAB 108”) which provides guidance on quantifying financial statement misstatements. SAB 108 requires financial statement misstatements to be quantified in relation to both its impact on the current year income statement (the “rollover” approach) and the current year balance sheet (the “iron curtain” approach). If a misstatement is material under either approach (the “dual approach”) the financial statements must be adjusted for the misstatement.

### 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 share-owners’ equity.

### 3. DEBT AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

#### Long-Term Debt and Subordinated Debt Securities

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Long-term debt and subordinated debt securities at December 31 are summarized as follows:

	2006	2005
Long-term debt (year of issue):		
Notes payable to banks	\$ 64,600	\$ 68,000
7.45% Medium-Term Notes (1996), due 2011	9,852	9,852
4.30% Senior Notes (2003), due 2013	250,000	250,000
4.875% Senior Notes (2004), due 2014	150,000	150,000
Total long-term debt	\$474,452	\$477,852
Subordinated debt securities (year of issue):		
7.50% Subordinated Debentures (2001), due 2031, callable 2006	\$103,093	\$103,093
7.25% Subordinated Debentures (2002), due 2032, callable 2007	118,557	118,557
6.125% Subordinated Debentures (2004), due 2034, callable 2009	103,093	103,093
7.25% Capital Securities (2006), due 2066, callable 2011	200,000	0
Total subordinated debt securities	\$524,743	\$324,743

Future maturities of long-term debt and subordinated debt securities are \$64.6 million in 2007, \$9.9 million in 2011, and \$924.7 million in years after 2011.

Under a revolving line of credit arrangement due July 30, 2009, the Company can borrow up to \$200 million on an unsecured basis at an interest rate of LIBOR plus 0.30%. No compensating balances are required to maintain the line of credit. This arrangement contains, among other provisions, requirements for maintaining certain financial ratios and restrictions on indebtedness incurred by the Company and its subsidiaries. Additionally, the Company, on a consolidated basis, cannot incur debt in excess of 40% of its total capital. At December 31, 2006, the Company had \$64.6 million outstanding under this arrangement at a weighted average interest rate of 5.6%. The Company was in compliance with all debt covenants as of December 31, 2006.

Limited amounts of the 7.45% Medium-Term Notes may be redeemed upon the death of the beneficial owner of the notes.

The Company has also accessed capital from subordinated debt securities issued to wholly-owned subsidiary trusts. Securities currently outstanding were offered through a series of trusts (PLC Capital Trust III, PLC Capital Trust IV, and PLC Capital Trust V). These trusts were formed solely to issue preferred securities (TOPrS) and use the proceeds thereof to purchase subordinated debentures of the Company. The sole assets of the trusts are the subordinated debt securities issued by the Company. The principal obligations of the trusts are irrevocably guaranteed by the Company. Under the terms of the subordinated debentures, the Company has the right to extend interest payment periods up to five consecutive years. Consequently, dividends on the preferred securities may be deferred (but will continue to accumulate, together with additional dividends on any accumulated but unpaid dividends at the dividend rate) by the trusts during any such extended interest payment period.

In connection with the Chase Insurance Group acquisition, on July 3, 2006, the Company issued \$200.0 million of 7.25% Capital Securities due 2066 (the "Capital Securities"), from which net proceeds of approximately \$193.8 million were received. Under the terms of the Capital Securities, the Company has the option to defer interest

payments, subject to certain limitations, for periods of up to five consecutive years. The Capital Securities are redeemable at the Company's option on or after June 30, 2011.

### Interest Expense

The Company uses interest rate swap agreements to convert a portion of its debt from a fixed interest rate to a floating rate. These interest rate swap agreements do not qualify as hedges of the corresponding long-term debt or subordinated debt securities, under SFAS 133. All net interest settlements and mark-to-market adjustments for these interest rate swap agreements are recorded as "Realized investment gains (losses) - derivative financial instruments". Interest expense on long-term debt and subordinated debt securities totaled \$52.1 million, \$44.8 million, and \$42.6 million in 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

## 4. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company is contingently liable to obtain a \$20 million letter of credit under indemnity agreements with its directors. Such agreements provide insurance protection in excess of the directors' and officers' liability insurance in force at the time up to \$20 million. Should certain events occur constituting a change in control of the Company, the Company must obtain the letter of credit upon which directors may draw for defense or settlement of any claim relating to performance of their duties as directors. The Company has similar agreements with certain of its officers providing up to \$10 million in indemnification that are not secured by the obligation to obtain a letter of credit.

The Company leases administrative and marketing office space with an aggregate annualized rent of less than \$0.1 million.

As of February 1, 2000, the Company guaranteed the obligations of its largest operating subsidiary, Protective Life Insurance Company ("Protective Life") under the terms and conditions of an operating lease entered into by Protective Life, as lessee, with a non-affiliated third party, as lessor. As of January 8, 2007, the Company approved the extension of the existing \$75 million operating lease and guaranteed Protective Life's obligations.

In connection with the issuance of non-recourse funding obligations by Golden Gate Captive Insurance Company ("Golden Gate"), one of the Company's subsidiaries, the Company has agreed to indemnify Golden Gate for certain costs and obligations (which obligations do not include payment of principle and interest on the notes). In addition, the Company has entered into certain support agreements with Golden Gate obligating the Company 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 the Company's obligations to Golden Gate.

## 5. SHARE-OWNERS' EQUITY

Activity in the Company's issued and outstanding Common Stock is summarized as follows:

	<b>Issued Shares</b>	<b>Treasury Shares</b>	<b>Outstanding Shares</b>
Balance, December 31, 2003	73,251,960	4,260,259	68,991,701
Reissuance of treasury stock		(458,188)	458,188
Balance, December 31, 2004	73,251,960	3,802,071	69,449,889
			244,160

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Reissuance of treasury stock		(244,160)	
Balance, December 31, 2005	73,251,960	3,557,911	69,694,049
Reissuance of treasury stock		(270,599)	270,599
Balance, December 31, 2006	73,251,960	3,287,312	69,964,648

Share owners have authorized 4,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, \$1.00 par value. Other terms, including preferences, voting, and conversion rights, may be established by the Board of Directors. None of these shares have been issued as of December 31, 2006.

The Company sponsors a deferred compensation plan for certain of its agents. A trust was established to aid the Company in meeting its obligations under the plan. Previously, Company Common Stock owned by the trust was accounted for as treasury stock. In September 2004, all Company Common Stock owned by the trust was sold.

The Company has an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (“ESOP”). The stock is used to match employee contributions to the Company’s 401(k) and Stock Ownership Plan (“401(k) Plan”) and to provide other employee benefits. The stock held by the ESOP that has not yet been used is the unallocated stock shown as a reduction to share-owners’ equity. The ESOP shares are dividend-paying and are considered outstanding for earnings per share calculations. Dividends on the shares are used to pay the ESOP’s note to Protective Life. If certain events associated with a change in control of the Company occur, any unallocated shares held by the ESOP will become allocable to employee 401(k) accounts. Approximately 115,000 shares of stock were allocated from the ESOP to employee 401(k) accounts in both 2006 and 2005.

The Company may, from time to time, reissue treasury shares or buy additional shares of Common Stock in the open market to complete its 401(k) obligations. In addition to the shares allocated to employee 401(k) accounts from the ESOP, the Company reissued from treasury 44,814 and 54,752 shares of Common Stock to the 401(k) Plan during 2006 and 2005, respectively, to complete its 401(k) obligations.

Since 1973, the Company has had stock-based incentive plans to motivate management to focus on the Company’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 shares may be issued in payment of awards.

Through December 31, 2005, the Company accounted for its stock-based compensation in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, “Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation,” (“SFAS 123”) which was originally issued by the FASB in 1995. As originally issued, SFAS123 provided companies with the option to either record expense for share-based payments under a fair value model, or to simply disclose the impact of the expense. Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004), “Share-Based Payment” (“SFAS123R”), using the modified prospective method, and accordingly prior periods have not been restated. SFAS 123R requires companies to measure the cost of share-based payments to employees using a fair value model and to recognize that cost over the relevant service period. Since the Company elected to recognize the cost of its share-based compensation plans in its financial statements when it originally adopted SFAS 123, the adoption of SFAS 123R in the first quarter of 2006 did not have a material impact on the Company’s financial position, results of operations, or earnings per share.

In addition, SFAS 123R requires that an estimate of future award forfeitures be made at the grant date, while SFAS 123 permitted recognition of forfeitures on an as incurred basis. Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123R, the Company accounted for forfeitures as they occurred. This change in method related to forfeitures also did not have a material impact on the Company’s financial position or results of operations.

Prior to adopting SFAS 123R, the Company presented all tax benefits of deductions resulting from payouts of stock based compensation as operating cash flows. SFAS 123R requires the cash flows resulting from excess tax benefits (tax deductions realized in excess of the compensation costs recognized for the exercise of the awards) from the date of adoption of SFAS 123R to be classified as a part of cash flows from financing activities. As a result of adopting SFAS 123R as of January 1, 2006, \$3.4 million of excess tax benefits for 2006 have been classified as financing cash flows.

## 6. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	2006	2005	2004
Cash paid during the year for:			
Interest paid to non-affiliates	\$25,625	\$ 22,761	\$ 23,526
Interest paid for subordinated debt securities	22,987	22,642	22,168
	\$48,612	\$ 45,403	\$ 45,694
Income taxes (reduced by amounts received from affiliates under a tax sharing agreement)	\$(6,480)	\$ (7,557)	\$(29,983)
Noncash investing and financing activities			
Reissuance of treasury stock to ESOP	\$ 2,168	\$ 2,309	\$ 888
Change in unallocated stock in ESOP	\$ 379	\$ 379	\$ 378
Stock-based compensation	\$ 3,171	\$ 12,106	\$ 9,331

During the fourth quarter of 2006, Protective Life 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 the Company of all the outstanding stock of First Protection Corporation. Subsequent to the receipt of this dividend, Protective Life declared and paid an ordinary dividend in the form of the \$54.0 million note to the Company.

## 7. OPERATING EXPENSES

In 2004, the Company incurred an additional \$13.9 million of expense related to the payment of claims in the Company's Corporate and Other segment. The Company incurred no such expense in 2005 or 2006.

## SCHEDULE III - SUPPLEMENTARY INSURANCE INFORMATION PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

(In thousands)

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Segment	Deferred Policy Acquisition Costs and Value of Businesses 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 <sup>(1)</sup>	Benefits and Settlement Expenses	Amortization of Deferred Policy Acquisitions Costs and Value of Businesses Acquired	Other Operating Expenses <sup>(1)</sup>
Year Ended December 31, 2006:									
Life Marketing	\$ 1,846,219	\$ 7,991,847	\$ 241,422	\$ 67,331	\$ 421,275	\$ 308,497	\$ 535,940	\$ 60,227	\$ 97,307
Acquisitions	925,218	5,954,055	248	5,055,074	258,260	413,636	494,533	58,814	26,829
Annuities	261,826	917,805	19,092	4,111,267	32,074	225,160	191,238	27,872	23,596
Stable Value Products	16,603	0	0	5,369,107	0	325,653	269,851	4,438	4,291
Asset Protection	125,745	132,558	667,368	10,047	196,233	33,345	98,418	71,065	117,033
Corporate and Other	23,124	94,301	10,804	187,391	38,280	113,487	47,235	3,388	115,150
Adjustments <sup>(2)</sup>	0	30,430	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$ 3,198,735	\$ 15,120,996	\$ 938,934	\$ 14,800,217	\$ 946,122	\$ 1,419,778	\$ 1,637,215	\$ 225,804	\$ 384,206
Year Ended December 31, 2005:									
Life Marketing	\$ 1,584,325	\$ 7,027,066	\$ 130,683	\$ 62,851	\$ 288,568	\$ 261,859	\$ 392,448	\$ 55,688	\$ 49,832
Acquisitions	330,278	3,091,166	274	757,043	186,804	223,201	273,626	27,072	30,301
Annuities	128,930	760,906	11,959	2,661,224	31,810	218,700	187,791	37,512	25,601
Stable Value Products	19,102	0	0	5,959,112	0	310,715	246,134	4,694	5,089
Asset Protection	101,972	139,834	576,282	7,587	179,473	32,389	101,477	69,474	62,246
Corporate and Other	7,381	100,260	20,804	145,829	42,268	133,638	51,891	4,063	107,252
Adjustments <sup>(2)</sup>	0	35,842	69	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$ 2,171,988	\$ 11,155,074	\$ 740,071	\$ 9,593,646	\$ 728,923	\$ 1,180,502	\$ 1,253,367	\$ 198,503	\$ 280,321
Year Ended December 31, 2004:									
Life Marketing					\$ 208,682	\$ 238,193	\$ 274,584	\$ 58,970	\$ 42,119
Acquisitions					204,332	232,499	287,356	28,652	35,795
Annuities					30,341	210,888	183,271	32,271	23,159
Stable Value Products					0	268,184	205,168	3,480	6,377
Asset Protection					204,734	30,939	121,007	72,273	62,994
Corporate and Other					47,359	103,514	59,051	4,484	102,363
Total					\$ 695,448	\$ 1,084,217	\$ 1,130,437	\$ 200,130	\$ 272,807



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- (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.

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**SCHEDULE IV - REINSURANCE**  
**PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
(Dollars in thousands)

Year Ended	Gross Amount	Ceded to Other Companies	Assumed from Other Companies	Net Amount	Percentage of Amount Assumed to Net
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	\$ 1,104,175	\$ 75,604	\$ 710,649	10.6%
Accident/health insurance	97,665	45,512	8,539	60,692	14.1
Property and liability insurance	286,828	221,529	109,482	174,781	62.6
Total	\$ 2,123,713	\$ 1,371,216	\$ 193,625	\$ 946,122	
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	\$ 1,369,591	\$ 1,064,657	\$ 221,756	\$ 526,690	42.1%
Accident/health insurance	107,072	43,855	4,100	67,317	6.1
Property and liability insurance	239,907	118,345	13,354	134,916	9.9
Total	\$ 1,716,570	\$ 1,226,857	\$ 239,210	\$ 728,923	
Year Ended					
December 31, 2004:					
Life insurance in force	\$379,588,512	\$354,015,938	\$ 29,448,143	\$ 55,020,717	53.5%
Premiums and policy fees:					
Life insurance	\$ 1,218,899	\$ 959,643	\$ 219,917	\$ 479,173	45.9%
Accident/health insurance	113,367	60,560	25,461	78,268	32.5
Property and liability insurance	215,846	105,443	27,604	138,007	20.0
Total	\$ 1,548,112	\$ 1,125,646	\$ 272,982	\$ 695,448	

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**SCHEDULE V - VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS**  
**PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
(Dollars in thousands)

Description	Balance at beginning of period	Additions			Deductions	Balance at end of period
		Charged to costs and expenses	Charges to other accounts			
<b>2006</b>						
Allowance for losses on commercial mortgage loans	\$ 6,775	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (6,300)	\$ 475	
Bad debt reserve associated with Lender's Indemnity product line	\$ 0	\$27,100	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$27,100	
<b>2005</b>						
Allowance for losses on commercial mortgage loans	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,525	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,775	

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION

By: /s/ John D. Johns

John D. Johns  
Chairman of the Board, President  
and Chief Executive Officer  
March 1, 2007

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Company and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Capacity in Which Signed</b>	<b>Date</b>
/s/ John D. Johns JOHN D. JOHNS	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Director	March 1, 2007
/s/ Gary Corsi GARY CORSI	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	March 1, 2007
/s/ Steven G. Walker STEVEN G. WALKER	Senior Vice President, Controller, and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	March 1, 2007
* J. GARY COOPER	Director	March 1, 2007
* H. CORBIN DAY	Director	March 1, 2007
* JAMES S. M. FRENCH	Director	March 1, 2007
* THOMAS L. HAMBY	Director	March 1, 2007
* VANESSA LEONARD	Director	March 1, 2007
* CHARLES D. MCCRARY	Director	March 1 2007

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* JOHN J. MCMAHON, JR.	Director	March 1, 2007
* MALCOLM PORTERA	Director	March 1, 2007
* C. DOWD RITTER	Director	March 1, 2007
* WILLIAM A. TERRY	Director	March 1, 2007
* W. MICHAEL WARREN, JR.	Director	March 1, 2007
* VANESSA WILSON	Director	March 1, 2007

\*John D. Johns, by signing his name hereto, does sign this document on behalf of each of the persons indicated above pursuant to powers of attorney duly executed by such persons and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

By: /s/ John D. Johns  
JOHN D. JOHNS  
Attorney-in-fact