

WATTS RICHARD H  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Watts, Richard H.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>6300 Wilson Mills Road</b> (Street) <b>Mayfield Village,, OH 44143</b> (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>The Progressive Corporation (PGR)</b>				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Group President - Sales and Service</b>			
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>03/21/2003</b>		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)							
Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common	03/19/03		M		6,900	A	\$22.7916		D	
Common	03/20/03		S		6,900	D	\$59.19	8,045	D	
Common								19,778.357	I	401-K Plan
Common								75	I	By son

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Option	\$22.7916	03/19/03		M		6,900		03/12/97	12/31/06	Common	6,900		120,498	D	

Explanation of Responses:

By: /s/ Richard H. Watts March 21, 2003  
 By: David M. Coffey, Attorney-In-Fact Date  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned is a director and/or officer of The Progressive Corporation, an Ohio corporation (the "Corporation"), certain securities of which are registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"). The undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints Charles E. Jarrett, Dane A. Shallow, Michael R. Uth and David M. Coffey, and each of them, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for me and in my name, place and stead, as my attorney-in-fact and agent, to sign any and all Forms 3, 4 and 5, or successor forms, and any and all amendments or supplements thereto, in order to report, pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Act, the number of the Common Shares and other securities (including any derivative securities) of the Corporation beneficially owned by

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the undersigned, or any change in the number of Shares or other securities of the Corporation so owned by the undersigned or in the nature of such ownership, and to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange the required number of copies of such form or forms, or any such amendments or supplements, pursuant to and in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange, giving and granting unto each said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform any and all acts and things whatsoever necessary or appropriate to be done in or about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, hereby ratifying and approving all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or any such substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney on the 11th day of June, 2001.

/s/ Richard H. Watts

Richard H. Watts