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Form 4 March 21, 2003

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| 1. Name and Ao Watts, Richard | | | ame and T | | Pe | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|-------|--|---|-------------|--|--|------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 6300 Wilson Mills Road | | | | ortir | entification ng Person, (voluntary | | Mont | /2003 X G | Director | | |
| (Street) Mayfield Village,, OH 44143 | | | | | | | Date | Amendment, 7. of Original (C th/Day/Year) X Pe | Individual or Joint/Group Filing heck Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting rson Form filed by More than One exporting Person | | |
| (City | (State) | (Zip) | , | Tab | le I Non- | Deriv | ative Secur | ities Acquired, Dispose | · | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year) | 3. Trans- action 4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | 6. Owner-ship Form: Indirect Direct (D) Beneficial or Indirect Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common | 03/19/03 | | M | | 6,900 | A | \$22.7916 | | D | | |
| Common | 03/20/03 | | S | | 6,900 | D | \$59.19 | 8,04 | 5 D | | |
| Common | | | | | | | | 19,778.35 | 7 I | 401-K Plan | |
| Common | | | | | | | | 7: | 5 I | By son | |

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

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

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

| 1. Title of | 2. Conver- | 3. Trans- | 3A. | 4. | 5. | | 6. Date Exerc | isable | 7. Title an | d | 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10. | 11. Natur |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------|---------|---------------|----------|-------------|--------|-------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Derivative | sion or | action | Deemed | Trans- | Nun | nber | and Expiratio | n | Amount of | | Derivative | Derivative | Owner- | of Indirec |
| Security | Exercise | Date | Execution | action | of | | Date | | Underlying | | Security | Securities | ship | Beneficia |
| | Price of | | Date, | Code | Deri | ivative | (Month/Day/ | | Securities | | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially | Form | Ownershi |
| (Instr. 3) | Derivative | (Month/ | if any | | Secu | urities | Year) | | (Instr. 3 & | 4) | | Owned | of Deriv- | (Instr. 4) |
| | Security | Day/ | (Month/ | (Instr. | Acq | uired | | | | | | Following | ative | |
| | | Year) | Day/ | 8) | (A) | or | | | | | | Reported | Security: | |
| | | | Year) | | Disp | osed | | | | | | Transaction(s) | Direct | |
| | | | | | of (I | D) | | | | | | (Instr. 4) | (D) | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | , | or | |
| | | | | | (Ins | tr. 3, | | | | | | | Indirect | |
| | | | | | 4 & | 5) | | | | | | | (I) | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date | Expira- | Title | Amount | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | (1 1) | ` ' | | tion | 1100 | or | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Date | | 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
By: David M. Coffey, Attorney-In-Fact
**Signature of Reporting Person

March 21, 2003

Date

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.

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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. Shrallow, Michael R. Uth and David M. Coffey, and each of them, my true and lawful attorney—infact 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