

PROASSURANCE CORP
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
O NEIL FRANK B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE

(Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/09/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Senior Vice-President / Assistant Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/09/2005 | | A | 735 A \$ 41.15 | 11,882 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 629 | I | In Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,025 | I | Shares held in the ProAssurance Group Savings and Retirement Plan |

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|-----------------|-----|---|--|
| Common Stock | 598 | I | Shares held in childrens' UTMA accounts for which the reporting person is the trustee |
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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 Owned
(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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 41.15 | 03/09/2005 | | A | 12,500 | 09/10/2005 ⁽²⁾ 09/10/2015 | Common Stock | 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 33.28 | | | | | 09/10/2004 ⁽³⁾ 09/10/2014 | Common Stock | 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22 | | | | | 09/04/2003 ⁽⁴⁾ 03/04/2013 | Common Stock | 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.8 | | | | | 07/15/2002 ⁽⁵⁾ 11/05/2012 | Common Stock | 25,000 |

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|-----------------------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 38.52 | 11/11/2005 | 12/07/2009 | Common Stock | 964 |
| (Right to Buy) | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 38.52 | 11/11/2005 | 12/01/2008 | Common Stock | 1,35 (6) |
| (Right to Buy) | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 38.52 | 11/11/2005 | 12/02/2007 | Common Stock | 1,26 (6) |
| (Right to Buy) | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| O NEIL FRANK B C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811 | | | Senior Vice-President | Assistant Secretary |

Signatures

Frank B. O'Neil 03/10/2005

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares are held in the George O'Neil Generation-Skipping Trust, Non-Exempt, fbo Frank B. O'Neil. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership because the Trustee retains sole investmenet control over the shares.
- (2) The options vest in five equal installments commencing on September 10, 2005
- (3) The options vest in five equal installments commencing on September 10, 2004
- (4) The options vest in five equal installments commencing on September 4, 2003
- (5) The options vest in five equal installments commencing on July 15, 2002

These are automatic reload rights resulting from the exercise of options under an existing grant to purchase shares under the ProAssurance Corporation Incentive Compensation Stock Plan. These reload options vest one year from the date of grant, provided that

(6) the Reporting Person maintains ownership of the ProAssurance shares that were purchased upon the exercise of the subject options. The grant of reload options to purchase ProAssurance shares reported herein is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended ("the Act") by virtueof Rule 16b-3(d) promulgated under the Act.

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