

O NEIL FRANK B

Form 4

September 06, 2011

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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)

09/06/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            | 25,000                                                                                                             | D                                                                          |                                                                                     |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            | 629                                                                                                                | I                                                                          | In Trust <sup>(2)</sup>                                                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            | 2,025                                                                                                              | I                                                                          | Shares held in<br>the<br>ProAssurance<br>Group Savings<br>and<br>Retirement<br>Plan |

|              |            |   |   |     |            |   |            |     |   |                                                                                                 |
|--------------|------------|---|---|-----|------------|---|------------|-----|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 09/04/2011 | G | V | 315 | <u>(1)</u> | D | <u>(1)</u> | 283 | I | Shares held in a UTMA account for the reporting person's son. Reporting person acts as trustee. |
| Common Stock | 09/04/2011 | G | V | 315 | <u>(1)</u> | A | <u>(1)</u> | 315 | I | By daughter                                                                                     |

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(3)</u>                                             |                                      |                                                    | Code V (A) (D)                 |                                                                                         | <u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 1,040                         |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(4)</u>                                             |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | <u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 1,040                         |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(5)</u>                                             |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | <u>(5)</u> <u>(5)</u>                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 1,040                         |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 54.28                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 09/01/2008 <u>(6)</u> 09/01/2018                         | Common Stock                                                  | 6,250                         |

|                                                  |          |                           |            |                 |       |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------|
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 51.48 | 09/10/2007 <sup>(7)</sup> | 09/10/2017 | Common<br>Stock | 6,250 |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 51.38 | 09/11/2006 <sup>(8)</sup> | 09/11/2016 | Common<br>Stock | 5,000 |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Frank B. O'Neil                      09/06/2011

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## 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) The reporting person's daughter reached the age of majority on September 4, 2011. Shares previously held in a UTMA account were transferred her account, which is now being reported separately as an indirect holding of the reporting person.
- (2) 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 investment control over the shares.

Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issuable from the ProAssurance 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. The RSUs will vest if the reporting person remains continuously employed by ProAssurance or one of its subsidiaries until December 31, 2013 (three years from date of grant). Vesting will accelerate upon termination of employment as the result of (i) death; (ii) disability; or (iii) Good Reason, as defined in the reporting person's employment agreement with ProAssurance Corporation, or by action of the Compensation Committee of the ProAssurance Corporation Board of Directors. The RSUs will be settled in shares of ProAssurance Common Stock and in cash, with the cash portion being approximately equal to the federal, state, and local taxes.

- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issuable from the ProAssurance 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. The RSUs will vest if the reporting person remains continuously employed by ProAssurance or one of its subsidiaries until December 31, 2012 (three years from date of grant). Vesting will accelerate upon termination of employment as the result of (i) death; (ii) disability; or (iii) Good Reason, as defined in the reporting person's employment agreement with ProAssurance Corporation, or by action of the Compensation Committee of the ProAssurance Corporation Board of Directors. The RSUs will be settled in shares of ProAssurance Common Stock and in cash, with the cash portion being approximately equal to the federal, state, and local taxes.
- (5) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issuable from the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. The RSUs will vest if the reporting person remains continuously employed by ProAssurance or one of its subsidiaries until February 26, 2012 (three years from date of grant). Vesting will accelerate upon termination of employment as the result of (i) death; (ii) disability; or (iii) Good Reason, as defined in the reporting person's employment agreement with ProAssurance

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Corporation, or by action of the Compensation Committee of the ProAssurance Corporation Board of Directors. The RSUs will be settled in shares of ProAssurance Common Stock and in cash, with the cash portion being approximately equal to the federal, state, and local taxes.

- (6) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 1, 2008
- (7) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2007
- (8) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 11, 2006

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