

FRIEDMAN HOWARD H  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
FRIEDMAN HOWARD H

(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)  
12/01/2010

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 / Co-President of Subsidiary

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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/02/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,250 (1) \$ 60.03	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2010		F		10,318 (2) \$ 60.17	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2010		M <sup>(3)</sup>		20,000 A \$ 60.17	D	
Common Stock					914	I	IRA
Common Stock					173	I	Spouse's IRA

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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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(4)					(4) (4)	Common Stock 2,000
Restricted Stock Units	(5)					(5) (5)	Common Stock 2,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.28					09/01/2008(6) 09/01/2018	Common Stock 12,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.48					09/10/2007(7) 09/10/2017	Common Stock 12,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.38					09/11/2006(8) 09/11/2016	Common Stock 12,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.15					09/10/2005(9) 09/10/2015	Common Stock 25,000
Employee Stock	\$ 33.28					09/10/2004(10) 09/10/2014	Common Stock 25,000

Option  
(Right to  
Buy)

Employee  
Stock

Option \$ 22  
(Right to  
Buy)

09/04/2003<sup>(11)</sup> 03/04/2013

Common  
Stock 25,

Employee  
Stock

Option \$ 16.8 12/01/2010  
(Right to  
Buy)

M<sup>(3)</sup>

20,000 07/15/2002<sup>(12)</sup> 11/05/2012

Common  
Stock 20,

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

Senior Vice-President Co-President of  
Subsidiary

## Signatures

Frank B. O'Neil as POA for the Reporting  
Person

12/03/2010

    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) Weighted average of sale prices, which ranged from \$59.95 to \$60.05. The Reporting Person has provided to the issuer, and further undertakes to provide to the SEC staff or a security holder of the Issuer upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
  - (2) The 10,318 shares disposed of reflect 5,585 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless exercise of 20,000 options on 12/01/2010, and 4,733 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.
  - (3) Cashless exercise of options on 12/1/2010
  - (4) Shares acquired in the amended and restated ProAssurance Stock Ownership Plan. Purchases under this plan are exempt under Rule 16b-3(c)
  - (5) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issueable 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 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

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- (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
- (9) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2005
- (10) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2004
- (11) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 4, 2003
- (12) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on July 15, 2002

**Remarks:**

The Reporting Person is disclosing that 1,250 shares sold on December 2, 2010 were taken from shares realized in the option exercise.

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