

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)
03/02/2009

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price (A) or (D) | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2009 | | P | 126 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 47.5 | 23,354 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 914 | I | IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | 178 | I | Spouse's IRA |

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 | (2) | | | | | (2) (2) | Common Stock | 2,085 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 54.28 | | | | | 09/01/2008 ⁽³⁾ 09/01/2018 | Common Stock | 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 51.48 | | | | | 09/10/2007 ⁽⁴⁾ 09/10/2017 | Common Stock | 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 51.38 | | | | | 09/11/2006 ⁽⁵⁾ 09/11/2016 | Common Stock | 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 41.15 | | | | | 09/10/2005 ⁽⁶⁾ 09/10/2015 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 33.28 | | | | | 09/10/2004 ⁽⁷⁾ 09/10/2014 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| | \$ 22 | | | | | 09/04/2003 ⁽⁸⁾ 03/04/2013 | | 25,000 |

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|--|---------|---------------------------|------------|--|-----------------|--------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | | | | | Common Stock | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.8 | 07/15/2002 ⁽⁹⁾ | 11/05/2012 | | Common Stock | 50,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FRIEDMAN HOWARD H C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811 | | | Senior Vice-President | Co-President of Subsidiary |

Signatures

Howard H.
Friedman

03/03/2009

**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) Shares acquired in the amended and restated ProAssurance Stock Ownership Plan. Purchases under this plan are exempt under Rule 16b-3(c)
- (2) 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.
- (3) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 1, 2008
- (4) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2007
- (5) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 11, 2006
- (6) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2005
- (7) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2004
- (8) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 4, 2003
- (9) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on July 15, 2002

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