#### WOODHAMS WILLIAM H

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WOODHAMS WILLIAM H Issuer Symbol PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O PROASSURANCE 05/19/2010 below) CORPORATION, 100 **BROOKWOOD PLACE** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 936 (1) A 05/19/2010 A 17,436 D 59.81 Stock IRA -Common Ι Merrill 9,839 Stock Lynch

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

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# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

WOODHAMS WILLIAM H C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

X

### **Signatures**

Frank B. O'Neil, Attorney-in-Fact for the Reporting Person

05/19/2010

\*\*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).

As disclosed on Page 40 of our 2010 Proxy Statement, non-management directors of ProAssurance receive a grant of ProAssurance stock as part of their compensation package each year, IF such a grant is recommended by the Compensation Committee, which is composed entirely independent directors (as disclosed on pages 6 and 12 of our 2010 Proxy Statement). In 2010 the recommended and approved

(1) stock compensation grant was for shares having a value of \$56,000. The number of whole shares is determined using the closing price of a share of stock on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on the day of the Board of Directors meeting following the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The NYSE closing price on May 19, 2010 was \$59.81, resulting in a distribution to each non-management director of 936 shares.

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