

O NEIL FRANK B  
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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 \*  
O NEIL FRANK B

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/16/2010

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

C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE

(Street)

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

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

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	12/16/2010		F	D	7,288 (2)	\$ 62.31 (2)	31,421 D
Common Stock	12/16/2010		M	A	10,000 (1)	\$ 62.31 (1)	38,709 D
Common Stock							629 I In Trust (3)
Common Stock							2,025 I Shares held in the

Common Stock	598	I	ProAssurance Group Savings and Retirement Plan  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	
Restricted Stock Units	(4)					(4)	(4)	Common Stock	1,04
Restricted Stock Units	(5)					(5)	(5)	Common Stock	1,04
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.28					09/01/2008 <sup>(6)</sup>	09/01/2018	Common Stock	6,25
Employee Stock	\$ 51.48					09/10/2007 <sup>(7)</sup>	09/10/2017	Common Stock	6,25

Option  
(Right to  
Buy)

Employee  
Stock

Option \$ 51.38  
(Right to  
Buy)

09/11/2006<sup>(8)</sup> 09/11/2016

Common  
Stock 1,25

Employee  
Stock

Option \$ 41.15 12/16/2010  
(Right to  
Buy)

M

7,500  
(1)

09/10/2005<sup>(9)</sup> 09/10/2015

Common  
Stock 7,50  
(1)

Employee  
Stock

Option \$ 33.28 12/16/2010  
(Right to  
Buy)

M

2,500  
(1)

09/10/2004<sup>(10)</sup> 09/10/2014

Common  
Stock 2,50

## 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 12/17/2010

\_\_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) Cashless exercise of options on 12/16/2010
- (2) The 7,288 shares disposed of reflect 6,290 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless exercise of 10,000 options on 12/16/10 and 998 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issueable 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 February 26, 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

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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.

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(5)

(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

(9)

The options vest in five equal installments commencing on September 10, 2005

(10)

The options vest in five equal installments commencing on September 10, 2004

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