

PROASSURANCE CORP
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)
03/08/2006

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 / Co-President of Subsidiary

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 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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
			Code V				
Common Stock	03/08/2006		A	(1)	1,751 \$ 51.38	D	
Common Stock					914	I	IRA
Common Stock					173	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.38	03/08/2006		A	12,500	09/11/2006 ⁽²⁾	09/11/2016	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.15					09/10/2005 ⁽³⁾	09/10/2015	Common Stock	25,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.28					09/10/2004 ⁽⁴⁾	09/10/2014	Common Stock	25,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22					09/04/2003 ⁽⁵⁾	03/04/2013	Common Stock	25,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.8					07/15/2002 ⁽⁶⁾	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

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

03/09/2006

__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).

These shares are exempt under Rule 16b-3. Bonus shares awarded to the reporting person under the terms of the ProAssurance 2004

- (1) Equity Incentive Plan by the ProAssurance Board of Directors on March 8, 2006, pursuant to the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, which is composed entirely of Non-Employee Directors.
- (2) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 11, 2006
- (3) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2005
- (4) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2004
- (5) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 4, 2003
- (6) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on July 15, 2002

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