

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 *
MORELLO JAMES J

(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)
12/08/2004

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)
Treasurer / Senior Vice-President

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2004 | | A | 25 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 39.21 | 20,140 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,755 | I | Shares held in the ProAssurance Group Savings and Retirement Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,148 | I | Owned in Reporting |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22 | | | | | 09/04/2003 ⁽³⁾ 03/04/2013 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.8 | | | | | 07/15/2002 ⁽⁴⁾ 01/15/2012 | Common Stock | 16,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 21.01 | | | | | 06/27/2001 12/09/2009 | Common Stock | 2,403 ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 26.03 | | | | | 06/27/2001 12/01/2008 | Common Stock | 2,480 ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 24.68 | | | | | 06/27/2001 12/02/2007 | Common Stock | 3,067 ⁽⁵⁾ |

Buy)

Employee

Stock

Option \$ 33.28

(Right to

Buy)

09/10/2004⁽²⁾ 09/10/2014 Common Stock 12,500

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MORELLO JAMES J C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811 | | | Treasurer | Senior Vice-President |

Signatures

James J. Morello 12/09/2004

__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).
Shares granted pursuant to ProAssurance Corporation's Longevity Award program were approved by the Board of Directors on December 8, 2004 and were awarded to all eligible employees on that date. The acquisition of ProAssurance shares reported herein is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act"), by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d) promulgated under the Act.
- (1) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2004
- (2) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 4, 2003
- (3) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on July 15, 2002
- (4) Reflects options to purchase shares of ProAssurance Corporation common stock acquired beneficially by the reporting person in exchange for surrender of options to purchase shares of Medical Assurance, Inc. in connection with the consolidation of Medical Assurance, Inc. and Professionals group under the ownership of ProAssurance Corporation. The acquisition of options to purchase ProAssurance shares reported herein is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act"), by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d) promulgated under the Act.
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