

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 *
Thomas Darryl Keith

(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
 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | | A | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price A 1,459 \$ (1) 51.38 | 10,369 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,320 | I | ProAssurance Group Savings and Retirement Plan [401 (k)] |

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 | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 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 | 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 33.28 | | | | | 09/10/2004 ⁽⁴⁾ | 09/10/2014 | Common Stock | 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22 | | | | | 09/04/2003 ⁽⁵⁾ | 09/03/2013 | Common Stock | 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.8 | | | | | 07/15/2002 ⁽⁶⁾ | 01/15/2012 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.35 | | | | | 12/10/1999 | 02/26/2009 | Common Stock | 8,800 ⁽⁷⁾ |

Employee
Stock
Option (Right to Buy)

\$ 17.38

09/20/1997 02/12/2007

Common Stock 27,67

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Thomas Darryl Keith 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).

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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

Reflects options to purchase shares of ProAssurance Corporation common stock acquired beneficially by the reporting person in

- (7) exchange for surrender of options to purchase shares of Professionals Group, Inc. in connection with the consolidation of Medical Assurance, Inc. and Professionals Group, Inc., under the ownership of ProAssurance Corporation. The acquisition of ProAssurance Corporation shares reported herein is exempt from Section 16 (b) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended, by virtue of Rule 16 (b)-6.

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