

PROASSURANCE CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Rand Edward Lewis Jr

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE

(Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/26/2009

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)  
Chief Financial Officer / Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/26/2009		A		3,127 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 12,286 D
Common Stock	02/26/2009		A		2,245 <u>(2)</u>	A	\$ 47.7 9,159 D

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Restricted Stock Unit	(3)	02/26/2009		A	2,085	(3) (3)	Common Stock	2,085
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.28					09/01/2008 09/01/2018	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.48					09/10/2007(4) 09/10/2017	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.38					09/11/2006(5) 09/11/2016	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.15					09/10/2005(6) 09/10/2015	Common Stock	25,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.46					05/10/2005(7) 11/09/2014	Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Rand Edward Lewis Jr  
C/OPROASSURANCE CORPORATION  
100 BROOKWOOD PLACE  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209

Chief Financial Officer Senior Vice President

## Signatures

Edward L.  
Rand, Jr. 02/27/2009

\*\*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) Payout of Performance Shares awarded to the reporting person upon completion of a three year performance period in 2009. The Compensation Committee (consisting entirely of independent directors) of the ProAssurance Corporation Board of Directors reviewed the company's performance against the defined criteria and approved this award.
- (2) These shares are exempt under Rule 16b-3. Bonus shares awarded to the reporting person under the terms of the ProAssurance 2008 Equity Incentive Plan by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee is comprised solely of independent, non-employee directors
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issueable from the 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, 2012 (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 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.
- (4) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2007
- (5) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 11, 2006
- (6) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2005
- (7) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on May 10, 2005

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