

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)  
12/15/2010

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)  
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/17/2010		S	2,993 (1) D \$ 61.8 (1)	18,376	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2010		F	7,007 (3) D \$ 61.75	21,369	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2010		M	10,000 (2) A \$ 61.75 (2)	28,376	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(4)					(4)	(4)	Common Stock	2,000
Restricted Stock Unit	(5)					(5)	(5)	Common Stock	2,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.28					09/01/2008 <sup>(6)</sup>	09/01/2018	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.48					09/10/2007 <sup>(7)</sup>	09/10/2017	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.38					09/11/2006 <sup>(8)</sup>	09/11/2016	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.15					09/10/2005 <sup>(9)</sup>	09/10/2015	Common Stock	25,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.46	12/15/2010		M	10,000	05/10/2005 <sup>(10)</sup>	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. 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) All shares sold at \$61.80
- (2) Cashless exercise of options on 12/15/10
- (3) The 7,007 shares disposed of reflect 5,905 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless exercise of 10,000 options on 12/15/10 and 1,102 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.
- 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 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) 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.
- (5) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 1, 2008
- (6) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2007
- (7) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 11, 2006
- (8) The options vested in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2005
- (9) The options vested in five equal, yearly installments commencing on May 10, 2005
- (10)

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