

PROASSURANCE CORP
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FORM 4

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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)
02/25/2015

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)
President, HCPL Group

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2015 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,500 | A | \$ 46.3 |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2015 | | A ⁽²⁾ | | 5,064 | A | \$ 46.3 |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2015 | | A ⁽³⁾ | | 2,423 | A | \$ 46.3 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,828 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 346 |
| | | | | | | I | IRA |
| | | | | | | I | Spouse's IRA |

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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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | (4) | 02/25/2015 | | A | 4,250 (4) | (4) (4) | Common Stock | 4,250 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (5) | | | | | (5) (5) | Common Stock | 112 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (6) | | | | | (6) (6) | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (7) | | | | | (7) (7) | Common Stock | 114 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (8) | | | | | (8) (8) | Common Stock | 4,170 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (9) | | | | | (9) (9) | Common Stock | 116 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 02/25/2015 | | M | 4,407 | (3) (3) | Common Stock | 4,407 |

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

President, HCPL Group

Signatures

Howard H.
 Friedman

02/26/2015

**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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(1) These shares are exempt under Rule 16b-3. Bonus shares awarded to the reporting person under the terms of the ProAssurance Corporation 2014 Equity Incentive Compensation Plan by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee is comprised solely of independent, non-employee directors

(2) Payout of Performance Shares awarded to the reporting person upon completion of a three year performance period at year-end 2014. The Compensation Committee of the ProAssurance Corporation Board of Directors reviewed the company's performance against the defined criteria and approved this award. The Compensation Committee is comprised solely of independent, non-employee directors.

(3) Payout of Restricted Stock Units. Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, awarded under terms of, and issuable from, the ProAssurance 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. The RSUs vested because the reporting person remained continuously employed by ProAssurance or one of its subsidiaries during the three-year vesting period that ended December 31, 2014. Vesting of 4,407 shares reduced by withholding 1,984 shares to cover the tax liability resulting from the vesting of this award.

(4) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issuable from the ProAssurance Corporation 2014 Equity Incentive Compensation Plan. The RSUs will vest if the reporting person remains continuously employed by ProAssurance or one of its subsidiaries until December 31, 2017 (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) RSU's are equal in value to one share of Common Stock, issued on 10/6/14 under the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan and acquired under terms of the ProAssurance Corporation 2011 Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The RSUs will vest upon the sooner of three years of continuous employment, termination of employment by reason of death or disability, for "good reason," or a change of control of the Company. If a participant terminates employment more than twelve months but less than three years from the date of grant, the RSUs will partially vest based on the number of days that the participant was employed in the vesting period. Any RSUs that are unvested on termination of employment will be forfeited. In addition, if a participant withdraws shares purchased for his or her account, matching unvested RSUs will be forfeited. Upon vesting, we will pay the RSUs in shares of our Common Stock from those shares reserved for issuance under the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan with the value established vesting.

(6) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issuable 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 December 31, 2016. 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.

(7) RSU's are equal in value to one share of Common Stock, issued on October 7, 2013 under the 2008 Equity Plan and acquired under terms of the ProAssurance Corporation 2011 Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The RSUs will vest upon the sooner of three years of continuous employment, termination of employment by reason of death or disability or for "good reason," or a change of control of the Company. If a participant terminates employment more than twelve months but less than three years from the date of grant, the RSUs will partially vest based on the number of days that the participant was employed in the vesting period. Any RSUs that are unvested on termination of employment will be forfeited. In addition, if a participant withdraws shares purchased for his or her account, matching unvested RSUs will be forfeited. Upon vesting, we will pay the RSUs in shares of our Common Stock from those shares reserved for

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issuance under the 2008 Equity Plan. Value to be established upon vesting.

- (8) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issuable 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 December 31, 2015 (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.

- (9) RSU's are equal in value to one share of Common Stock, issued on October 5, 2012 under the 2008 Equity Plan and acquired under terms of the ProAssurance Corporation 2011 Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The RSUs will vest upon the sooner of three years of continuous employment, termination of employment by reason of death or disability or for "good reason," or a change of control of the Company. If a participant terminates employment more than twelve months but less than three years from the date of grant, the RSUs will partially vest based on the number of days that the participant was employed in the vesting period. Any RSUs that are unvested on termination of employment will be forfeited. In addition, if a participant withdraws shares purchased for his or her account, matching unvested RSUs will be forfeited. Upon vesting, we will pay the RSUs in shares of our Common Stock from those shares reserved for issuance under the 2008 Equity Plan. Value to be established upon vesting.

Remarks:

\$46.30/share was the NYSE closing price on February 25, 2015, the date of pricing as set by the Compensation Committee of

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