

PROASSURANCE CORP

Form 4

September 14, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
09/12/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____X____ Other (specify
below) below)
Treasurer / Senior Vice-President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/13/2006		F	(1) 1,863 D	\$ 50.96	25,899	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006		M	2,500 A	\$ 50.96	27,762	D
Common Stock	09/12/2006		F	(2) 1,455 D	\$ 51.01	25,262	D
Common Stock	09/12/2006		M	2,500 A	\$ 51.01	26,717	D
Common Stock	09/12/2006		F	(3) 4,054 D	\$ 51.01	24,217	D

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Common Stock 09/12/2006 M 8,000 A \$ 51.01 28,271 D

Common Stock 4,755 I Shares held in the ProAssurance Group Savings and Retirement Plan

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.38							09/11/2006 ⁽⁴⁾	09/11/2016	Common Stock	6,250
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.15							09/10/2005 ⁽⁵⁾	09/10/2015	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.28	09/13/2006		M		2,500		09/10/2004 ⁽⁶⁾	09/10/2014	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock	\$ 22	09/12/2006		M		2,500		09/04/2003 ⁽⁷⁾	03/04/2013	Common Stock	2,500

Option
(Right to
Buy)

Employee
Stock

Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.8	09/12/2006	M	8,000	07/15/2002 ⁽⁸⁾	01/15/2012	Common Stock	0
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Employee
Stock

Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.5				06/29/2006 ⁽⁹⁾	12/09/2009	Common Stock	1,279
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Employee
Stock

Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.5				06/29/2006 ⁽⁹⁾	12/01/2008	Common Stock	1,618
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Employee
Stock

Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.5				06/29/2006 ⁽⁹⁾	12/02/2007	Common Stock	1,886
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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

Frank B. O'Neil as POA for James J.
Morello

09/14/2006

____Signature of Reporting Person

____Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) The 1,863 shares disposed of reflect 1,633 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless exercise of 2,500 options on 9/13/06, and 230 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.
- (2) The 1,455 shares disposed of reflect 1,079 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless exercise of 2,500 options on 9/12/06, and 376 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.
- (3)

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The 4,054 shares disposed of reflect 2,635 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless exercise of 8,000 options on 9/12/06, and 1,419 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.

- (4) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 11, 2006
- (5) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2005
- (6) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2004
- (7) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 4, 2003
- (8) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on July 15, 2002

These are automatic reload rights resulting from the exercise of options under an existing grant to purchase shares under the ProAssurance Corporation Incentive Compensation Stock Plan. These reload options vest one year from the date of grant, provided that

- (9) the Reporting Person maintains ownership of the ProAssurance shares that were purchased upon the exercise of the subject options. The grant of reload 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 16v-3(d) promulgated under the Act.

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