

MORELLO JAMES J  
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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 \*  
MORELLO JAMES J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/12/2005

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

C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/12/2005		F	(1) 3,716 \$ 51.14	25,568	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2005		M	(2) 5,000 \$ 51.14	29,284	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2005		F	(3) 1,453 \$ 51.14	24,284	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2005		M	(2) 2,500 \$ 51.14	25,737	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2005		F	(4) 4,049 \$ 51.14	23,237	D	

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Common Stock	12/12/2005	M	8,000 <u>(2)</u>	A	\$ 51.14	27,286	D	
Common Stock						4,755	I	Shares held in the ProAssurance Group Savings and Retirement Plan
Common Stock						3,148	I	Owned in Reporting Person's IRA

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	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.28	12/12/2005		M	5,000 <u>(2)</u>	09/10/2004 <sup>(6)</sup> 09/10/2014	Common Stock	5,000	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22	12/12/2005		M	2,500 <u>(2)</u>	09/04/2003 <sup>(7)</sup> 03/04/2013	Common Stock	2,500	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.8	12/12/2005		M	8,000 <u>(2)</u>	07/15/2002 <sup>(8)</sup> 01/15/2012	Common Stock	8,000	

Buy)

Employee  
Stock

Option \$ 41.15  
(Right to  
Buy)

09/10/2005<sup>(5)</sup> 09/10/2015

Common  
Stock 12,50

Employee  
Stock

Option \$ 41.5  
(Right to  
Buy)

06/29/2006<sup>(9)</sup> 12/09/2009

Common  
Stock 1,279

Employee  
Stock

Option \$ 41.5  
(Right to  
Buy)

06/29/2006<sup>(9)</sup> 12/01/2008

Common  
Stock 1,618

Employee  
Stock

Option \$ 41.5  
(Right to  
Buy)

06/29/2006<sup>(9)</sup> 12/02/2007

Common  
Stock 1,886

## 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

James J. Morello 12/13/2005

\*\*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 3,716 shares disposed of reflect 3,254 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless option exercise of 5,000 options on 12/12/05 and 462 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.
- (2) Cashless exercise of options on 12/12/05
- (3) The 1,453 shares disposed of reflect 1,076 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless option exercise of 2,500 options on 12/12/05 and 377 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.
- (4)

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The 4,049 shares disposed of reflect 2,628 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless option exercise of 8,000 options on 12/12/05 and 1,421 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.

- (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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