PROASSURANCE CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * O NEIL FRANK B

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100

(Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2014

Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title __X__ Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below) below) Senior Vice-President / Assistant Secretary

BROOKWOOD PLACE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X 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 3. 4. Securities Acquired Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2014 | | A | 2,000 (1) | A | \$ 46.34 | 74,805 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2014 | | A | 3,028 (2) | A | \$ 46.34 | 77,833 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2014 | | A | 1,208 (3) | A | \$ 46.34 | 79,041 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 2,025 | I | Shares held in the ProAssurance |

Group

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| | | | Savings and Retirement Plan | | | | | |
|--|---------|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Common Stock | 629 | I | In Trust (4) | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 283 (5) | I | By son (5) | | | | | |
| Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. | | | | | | | | |
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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

| 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | of Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired A) or Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4, | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. F Der Sec (Ins |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|--|--------------------|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(6)</u> | | | | | | (6) | <u>(6)</u> | Common Stock | 114 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(6)</u> | | | | | | (6) | <u>(6)</u> | Common Stock | 116 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(6)</u> | | | | | | (6) | <u>(6)</u> | Common Stock | 82 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 46.34 | 02/21/2014 | | A | | 2,198 | <u>(7)</u> | <u>(7)</u> | Common Stock | 2,198 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |

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O NEIL FRANK B C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

Senior Vice-President Assistant Secretary

Signatures

Frank B. O'Neil 02/25/2014

**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).
- These shares are exempt under Rule 16b-3. Bonus shares awarded to the reporting person under the terms of the ProAssurance 2008

 (1) Equity Incentive Plan by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee is comprised solely of independent, non-employee directors
- Payout of Performance Shares awarded to the reporting person upon completion of a three year performance period at year-end 2013.

 (2) 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.
- Payout of Restricted Shares awarded to the reporting person upon completion of a three year vesting period. Vesting of 2,198 shares reduced by withholding of 990 shares to cover tax liability resulting from the maturation of this award.
- (4) Shares are held in the George O'Neil Generation-Skipping Trust, Non-Exempt, fbo Frank B. O'Neil. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership because the Trustee retains sole investment control over the shares.
- (5) Owned by the Reporting Person's son.
 - RSU's are equal in value to one share of Common Stock, are issued 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.
- (6) 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.
 - 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, 2013 (three years from date of grant). Vesting will accelerate upon
- (7) 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.

Remarks:

In this Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership on Form 4, the Reporting Person is disclosing that 315 shares currently

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