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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gorrie Magnus James

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/10/2017

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify

Officer (give title below)

C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100 **BROOKWOOD PLACE**

(Street)

(State)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

 $A^{(1)}$

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Common Stock

10/10/2017

Code V Amount (D)

Price

55.5

(A)

or

9,892

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

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8. Price of Derivativ Security (Instr. 5)

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. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			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
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	90
Restricted Stock Units	(3)					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	93
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	100

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Other Director Gorrie Magnus James C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION X 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE

Signatures

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209

Frank B. O'Neil with Power of Attorney for the Reporting 10/11/2017 Person

> **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 were acquired from ProAssurance Corporation under its Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") and are exempt under Rule 16b-3. The Board of Directors may grant shares to directors at each annual meeting as part of their compensation and directors may elect to defer payment of the shares under the Plan. Any deferred shares are then credited to the electing director's account (1) under the Plan, and accrue dividends as permitted by the Plan. On each subsequent dividend payment date, the accrued dividends are credited to the directors' deferred stock accounts as additional whole shares of deferred stock at the market price on the dividend payment

date. Amounts attributable to fractional shares are denominated in dollars and applied toward additional shares of deferred stock on the next dividend payment date. Deferred stock will be paid solely in our shares of stock when the deferred stock is payable to the directors.

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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, 2019 (three years from date of grant). Vesting will

- (2) 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.
 - RSU's are equal in value to one share of Common Stock, issued on 10/5/16 under the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan and acquired under terms of the ProAssurance Corporation 2011 Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The RSUs 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 at vesting.
 - RSU's are equal in value to one share of Common Stock, issued on 10/5/15 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
- (4) 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.

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