GRUBE CRAIG A

Form 4 May 20, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue.

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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

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GRUBE CRAIG A**

(First)

120 CORPORATE BLVD, SUITE

(Street)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES INC [PRAA]

(Month/Day/Year)

05/19/2010

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

Executive VP - Acquisitions

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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NORFOLK, VA 23502

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secui	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 etion(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following Reported Transaction(s)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/19/2010		S	100	D	\$ 65.64	37,923	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2010		S	196	D	\$ 65.94	37,727	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2010		S	104	D	\$ 65.95	37,623	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2010		S	100	D	\$ 65.96	37,523	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2010		S	150	D	\$ 66.47	37,373	D	

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Common Stock	05/19/2010	S	350	D	\$ 66.48	37,023	D
Common Stock	05/19/2010	S	100	D	\$ 66.5	36,923	D
Common Stock	05/19/2010	S	300	D	\$ 66.51	36,623	D
Common Stock	05/19/2010	S	100	D	\$ 66.61	36,523	D
Common Stock	05/19/2010	S	500	D	\$ 68	36,023	D
Common Stock	05/19/2010	G	2,500	D	\$ 0	33,523	D
Common Stock	05/19/2010	G	150	D	\$ 0	33,373	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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. DrNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed		ate	7. Title Amount Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans
				of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
1 3	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
GRUBE CRAIG A			Executive VP -						

120 CORPORATE BLVD SUITE 100 Acquisitions

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Signatures

/s/ Craig A. 05/20/2010 Grube

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).

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