

WOODHAMS WILLIAM H  
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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 \*  
WOODHAMS WILLIAM H

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)  
05/20/2009

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/20/2009		A		\$ 1,297 (1)	D	
Common Stock					9,839	I	IRA - Merrill Lynch

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

WOODHAMS WILLIAM H  
C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION  
100 BROOKWOOD PLACE  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

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## Signatures

Frank B. O'Neil, Attorney-in-Fact for the Reporting Person

05/20/2009

\_\_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) As disclosed on Page 37 of our 2009 Proxy Statement, non-management directors of ProAssurance receive a grant of ProAssurance stock as part of their compensation package each year, IF such a grant is recommended by the Compensation Committee. In 2009 the recommended and approved stock compensation grant was for shares having a value of \$56,000. The number of whole shares is determined using the closing price of a share of stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the day of the Board of Directors meeting following the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The closing price on May 20, 2009 was \$43.17 resulting in a distribution to each non-management director of 1,297 shares.

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