

PROASSURANCE CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MORELLO JAMES J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

**BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/08/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code V	Amount		
Common Stock	11/08/2006		S	D	\$ 2,465	D	
Common Stock	09/12/2006		F	D	\$ 1,861 (1)	D	
Common Stock	11/08/2006		M	A	\$ 2,153	D	
Common Stock					4,755	I	Shares held in the ProAssurance Group Savings

and  
Retirement  
Plan

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.38					09/11/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 09/11/2016	Common Stock 6,
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.15					09/10/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/10/2015	Common Stock 12
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.28					09/10/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/10/2014	Common Stock 5,
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22					09/04/2003 <sup>(5)</sup> 03/04/2013	Common Stock 2,
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.5					06/29/2006 <sup>(6)</sup> 12/09/2009	Common Stock 1,

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.5					06/29/2006 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/01/2008	Common Stock	1,
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.5	11/08/2006	M	2,153		06/29/2006 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/02/2007	Common Stock	2,
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 50.9	11/09/2006	A <sup>(6)</sup>	1,861		11/08/2007 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/02/2007	Common Stock	1,

## 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

Frank B. O'Neil as POA for James J.  
Morello

11/09/2006

\*\*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 1,861 shares disposed of reflect 1,756 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless exercise of 2,500 options on 11/7/06, and 105 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.
  - (2) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 11, 2006
  - (3) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2005
  - (4) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2004
  - (5) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 4, 2003
- 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
- (6) 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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