

PROASSURANCE CORP
Form 4
February 27, 2009

FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287
Expires: January 31, 2005
Estimated average burden hours per response... 0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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 *
Thomas Darryl Keith

(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)

02/26/2009

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)
Senior Vice-President / Co-President of Subsidiary

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

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | 02/26/2009 | | A | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price A 3,127 (1) \$ 0 | 42,471 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/26/2009 | | A | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price A 2,185 (2) \$ 47.7 | 39,344 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,320 | I | Shares Held in the ProAssurance Group Savings and Retirement Plan [401(k)] |

Edgar Filing: PROASSURANCE CORP - Form 4

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SEC 1474
(9-02)

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 Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 02/26/2009 | | A | 2,085 | (3) (3) | Common Stock 2,085 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 54.28 | 02/28/2008 | | A | 12,500 | 09/01/2008 09/01/2018 | Common Stock 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 51.48 | | | | | 09/10/2007(4) 09/10/2017 | Common Stock 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 51.38 | | | | | 09/11/2006(5) 09/11/2016 | Common Stock 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 41.15 | | | | | 09/10/2005(6) 09/10/2015 | Common Stock 5,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 33.28 | | | | | 09/10/2004(7) 09/10/2014 | Common Stock 7,500 |

Employee
Stock
Option \$ 22
(Right to
Buy)

09/04/2003⁽⁸⁾ 09/03/2013 Common
Stock 10,0

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Thomas Darryl Keith C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811 | | | Senior Vice-President | Co-President of Subsidiary |

Signatures

Darryl K. Thomas 02/27/2009

**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).

Payout of Performance Shares awarded to the reporting person upon completion of a three year performance period in 2009. The
(1) Compensation Committee (consisting entirely of independent directors) of the ProAssurance Corporation Board of Directors reviewed the company's performance against the defined criteria and approved this award.

These shares are exempt under Rule 16b-3. Bonus shares awarded to the reporting person under the terms of the ProAssurance 2008
(2) Equity Incentive Plan by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee is comprised solely of independent, non-employee directors

Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issueable 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 February 26, 2012 (three years from date of grant). Vesting will accelerate upon
(3) 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.

(4) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2007

(5) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 11, 2006

(6) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2005

(7) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2004

(8) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 4, 2003

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.