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August 02, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 2, 2005

ProAssurance Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

001-16533
(Commission File No.)

63-1261433
(IRS Employer I.D. No.)

100 Brookwood Place, Birmingham, Alabama
(Address of Principal Executive Office)

35209
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (205) 877-4400

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 2, 2005 ProAssurance Corporation announced that

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shareholders of NCRIC Group, Inc. have approved NCRIC Group's merger into ProAssurance.

NCRIC Group's merger into ProAssurance is expected to be declared effective upon the close of business on August 3, 2005. Each share of NCRIC common stock will be converted into 0.25 shares of ProAssurance common stock automatically at the effective time of the merger. NCRIC expects to delist its stock on NASDAQ at that time. Holders of NCRIC shares may begin trading their converted shares as ProAssurance common stock on the NYSE on August 4, 2005, the day following the expected effective time of the merger. Record holders of NCRIC common stock will receive instructions for exchanging their certificates of NCRIC common stock for certificates of ProAssurance common stock within the next few days.

A copy of the news release issued by ProAssurance disclosing the proposed transaction is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated into this Item 7.01 by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 - News release dated August 2, 2005

We are furnishing the exhibit to this Form 8-K in accordance with item 7.01, Regulation FD Disclosure. The exhibit shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liability of such section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, regardless of the general incorporation language of such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 2, 2005

PROASSURANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Edward L. Rand, Jr.

Edward L. Rand, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer