State Auto Financial CORP Form 4 March 09, 2015

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad Siegworth L	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
(Last)	(First) (M		3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)				
` '	AD STREET	(Month/D	(Month/Day/Year) 03/05/2015					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President			
	endment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person						
COLUMBU	S, OH 43215							More than One Ro			
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	(A) or			Securities Form: Direct		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Shares without par value	03/05/2015		A	1,446	A	\$ 0	11,675.731 <u>(1)</u>	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	(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivation any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed (D)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ	\$ 22.72	03/05/2015		A	6,108	03/05/2016(2)	03/04/2025	Common Shares	6,108

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Siegworth Lorraine M 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215

Senior Vice President

## **Signatures**

Lorraine M. Siegworth by James A. Yano, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with Commission 5/7/07.

03/09/2015

\*\*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).

Includes the following acquisitions: A Restricted Stock Grant of 1,446 shares was issued on 3/5/15 which has a 3 year cliff vest based on

- (1) service only; 516.400 shares acquired in June 2014 and 464.367 shares acquired in December 2014 under the State Auto Financial Employee Stock Purchase Plan; 38.697 shares acquired in December 2014 as Dividend Reinvestment; 13.460 shares acquired in September 2014, 7.387 shares acquired in December 2014, and 6.865 shares acquired in January 2015 as Restricted Dividends.
- (2) The options vest in thee equal installments beginning on March 5, 2016.
- (3) field should be left blank, but due to a software defect, requires input.

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