

Jones Scott Alan
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FORM 4

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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 *
Jones Scott Alan

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
518 E. BROAD STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

COLUMBUS, OH 43215
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Shares without par value | 03/01/2018 | | M | 790 | A \$ 25.81 | 7,751.538 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Shares without par value | 03/01/2018 | | S | 790 | D \$ 27.59 | 6,961.538 ⁽¹⁾ | 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 | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ | \$ 25.81 | 03/01/2018 | | M | 790 | 03/06/2009 03/05/2018 | Common Shares | 790 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Jones Scott Alan 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215 | | | Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/Scott Alan Jones by Melissa A. Centers, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with the Commission 3/07/16.

03/02/2018

__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: 14,980 shares acquired on 3/30/17, 16,453 shares acquired on 6/30/17, 17,216 shares acquired on 9/30/17 and 15,685 shares acquired on 12/31/17 through the State Auto Financial 401(k) plan; 332,704 shares acquired on 6/30/17 and

(1) 346,163 shares acquired on 12/31/17 through the State Auto Employee Stock Purchase Plan; .472621, 10.495359 and 9.668329 shares acquired as Restricted dividend reinvestment. Also includes 1,693 shares acquired as dividend reinvestment and indirect holdings by spouse of 8,268 shares.

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