State Auto Financial CORP Form 4 May 05, 2014

FORM 4

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

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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

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(State)

MEUSE DAVID R

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2014

2200 NORTH COLUMBUS ST.

(Zip)

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

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

below)

Issuer

X Director

Officer (give title

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

LANCASTER, OH 43130

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A) Transaction(s)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4. Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date orNumber of Shares

Restricted

Stock (1) 05/02/2014 A 3,245 (2) (2) Common Stock 3,245

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MEUSE DAVID R 2200 NORTH COLUMBUS ST. X LANCASTER, OH 43130

Signatures

David R. Meuse by James A. Yano, attorney in fact pursuant to a POA filed with the Commission on 5/4/07.

05/05/2014

**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) Each restricted share unit represents a right to receive one share of STFC common stock.
- (2) The Restricted Share Units become payable, in cash or common shares, at the election of the reporting person, upon the reporting person's termination of services as a director, following a 6 month vesting period.
- Includes restricted share units previously granted under Outside Directors Restricted Share Unit Plan and restricted share units credited (3) with dividends, equivalent in value to those declared and paid on one share of STFC common stock. 119.109 shares acquired on 6/30/13; 104.173 shares acquired on 9/30/13; 103.819 shares acquired on 12/31/13 and 96.806 shares acquired on 3/31/14.

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