

STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
 JOHNSTON STEVEN J

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)
 05/27/2004

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

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
 05/28/2004

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price | |
| Common Shares without par value | 05/27/2004 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 0 | A | \$ 0 | 36,363.764 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ | \$ 30.86 | 05/27/2004 | | A V | 9,542 (3) | 05/27/2005 ⁽²⁾ 05/26/2014 | Common shares | 9,542 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) ISO | \$ 30.86 | 05/27/2004 | | A V | 4,958 (3) | 05/27/2005 ⁽²⁾ 05/26/2014 | Common Shares | 4,958 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JOHNSTON STEVEN J 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

Steven J. Johnston by John R. Lowther, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with Commission 11-10-94

07/18/2005

__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) field should be left blank, but due to a software defect, requires input.
- (2) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on May 27, 2005.
- (3) This report is being filed as a correction to the 5/28/04 filing. While the allocation of options between Non-qualified and ISO has changed, the total number of options granted did not change.

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