

Jones Scott Alan
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ^ Jones Scott Alan (Last) (First) (Middle) 518 EAST BROAD STREET (Street) COLUMBUS, OH 43215 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2012	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares without par value	262.949	D	^

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ	05/03/2008 ⁽¹⁾	05/02/2017	Common Shares	1,063	\$ 29.53	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ	03/06/2009 ⁽¹⁾	03/05/2018	Common Shares	790	\$ 25.81	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ	03/05/2010 ⁽¹⁾	03/04/2019	Common Shares	800	\$ 14.49	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ	03/04/2011 ⁽¹⁾	03/03/2020	Common Shares	1,356	\$ 18.78	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ	03/03/2012 ⁽¹⁾	03/02/2021	Common Shares	1,636	\$ 17.03	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ	03/01/2013 ⁽¹⁾	02/28/2022	Common Shares	3,721	\$ 13.53	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Jones Scott Alan 518 EAST BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

Signatures

/s/ Scott A. Jones by James A. Yano, attorney in fact, per POA
attached

03/12/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The options vest in three equal annual installments from date of grant.

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