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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

Shares

without par value 08/19/2016

(Print or Type Responses)

Garland Kim Burton Syn			Symbol		d Ticker or T]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(I			State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]					(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 518 E. BROAD STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/19/2016					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President				
					onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
COLUMBUS, OH 43215								_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-l	Derivative S	ecuriti	ies Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)			
Common Shares without par value	03/01/2018			A	Amount 3,171	(D)	Price \$ 27.65	65,404.984 (1)	D			
Common Shares without par value	03/01/2018			A	10,000	A	\$ 0	75,404.984 (2)	D			
Common												

75,404.984

(3)

D

\$0

215.863 A

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Common

par value

Shares without 09/02/2016 A 1,804.08 A \$ 0 $\frac{75,404.984}{(4)}$ 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. iorNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4	int of rlying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	7 (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Garland Kim Burton 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/Kim Burton Garland by Melissa A. Centers, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with the Commission on 11/16/15.

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).
- (1) Includes the following acquisitions: A restricted Stock Grant of 3,171 shares was issued on 3/1/18 ,which vest over a 3 year period, with 1/3 vesting each year on December 31. Also includes the following: 615.643 shares acquired on 6/30/17 and 330.145 shares acquired on 12/31/17 through the State Auto Financial Employee Stock Purchase Plan; includes 298.282 shares acquired through Broker as

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Reinvested shares; and 96.347 shares acquired as Restricted Dividend Reinvestment..Also include 1,148.283 shares acquired through the State Auto Financial 401(k) plan; and 10,185.361 shares acquired through the State Auto Non-qualified Deferred Comp Plan.

- (2) Includes the following acquisitions: A restricted Stock Grant of 10,000 shares was issued on 3/1/18, which has a time-based vesting over a 4 year period, with 1/4 vesting each year on December 31.
- (3) Includes shares acquired on 8/19/16 through an exchange into STFC stock in the State Auto Non-qualified Deferred Comp Plan.
- (4) Includes shares acquired on 9/2/16 through an exchange into STFC stock in the State Auto Non-qualified Deferred Comp Plan.

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