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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue.

See Instruction

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			
			State At	ito Financ	cial COR	(P [S	IFC	(Chec	k all applicable)	
(Last) 518 E. BRO	(First) AD STREET	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transac (Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2019					DirectorX Officer (give below)		below)	
COLUMBII	(Street)			ndment, Da th/Day/Year	U	1		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by 0 Form filed by M	•	rson	
COLUMBO	IS, OH 43215							Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Execution any	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Shares without par value	02/26/2019			M	1,356	A	\$ 18.78	8,507.494 (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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ	\$ 18.78	02/26/2019		M	1,356	03/04/2011	03/03/2020	Common Shares	1,356

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Jones Scott Alan

518 E. BROAD STREET Vice President COLUMBUS, OH 43215

Signatures

/s/Scott Alan Jones by Melissa A. Centers, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with the Commission 3/7/16.

02/27/2019

**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: 18.671 shares acquired in March, 2018; 16.934 shares acquired in June, 2018; 17.909 shares acquired in September, 2018; 16.408 shares acquired in December, 2018 and 1.880 shares acquired in February, 2019 as Dividend Reinvestment; and 9.466 shares acquired in 2018 as Restricted dividend reinvestment. Also includes 159.646 shares acquired in June, 2018 and 163.043 shares acquired in December, 2018 through the STFC Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
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