State Auto Financial CORP Form 4 March 07, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5

obligations

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

may continue. See Instruction

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 *

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PETRUCCI JOHN M		ting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]	(Check all app	licable)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	•		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director	10% Owner	
518 E. BROAD STREET			03/03/2016	_X_ Officer (give title	Other (specif	
			00,00,2010	below) belo	ow)	
				Senior Vice Pr	resident	
(Street)			1 If Amandment Data Original	6 Individual on Joint/Crown Filing/C		

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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(City)	(State) (A	Table Table	I - Non-D	erivative Securities A	equired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial
(111341. 5)		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
		•			Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(A)	Reported		
				or	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount (D) Price	(111801. 3 and 4)		
Common							

Shares 03/03/2016 A 1,091 A \$0 17,511.374 (1) D

without Par Value

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ	\$ 21.92	03/03/2016		A	4,751	03/03/2017(2)	03/02/2026	Common Shares	4,751

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	-

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PETRUCCI JOHN M 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/John M. Petrucci by Melissa A. Centers, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with Commission 11-16-15.

03/07/2016

**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 1,091 shares was issued on 3/3/16 which has a 3 year cliff vest based on service only.
- (2) The options vest in three equal installments beginning on March 3, 2017.
- (3) Field should be left blank, but due to a software defect, requires input.

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