State Auto Financial CORP Form 4 May 19, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ROBERTS SHARON ELAINE

(First)

Symbol

(Middle)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Check all applicable)

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3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

05/18/2006

GATEWAY

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

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

below)

COLUMBUS, OH 43219

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of 6. Ownership Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

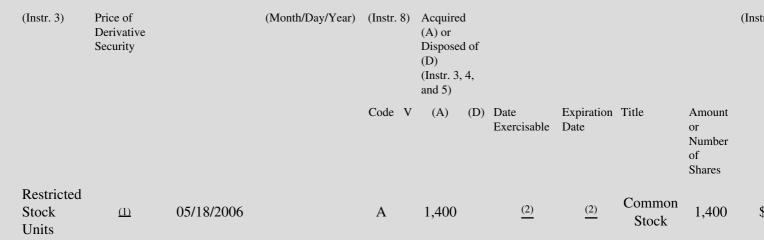
7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ROBERTS SHARON ELAINE 4600 INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY X

Signatures

COLUMBUS, OH 43219

S. Elaine Roberts by John R. Lowther, attorney in fact pursuant to a POA filed with the Commission on 11-21-02

05/19/2006

**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) Each restricted share unit represents a right to receive one share of STFC common stock.
- (2) The Restricted Share Units become payable, in cash or common shares, at the election of the reporting person, upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director.

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