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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/06/2016

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

4600 INTERNATIONAL **GATEWAY**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

_X__ Director

Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

COLUMBUS, OH 43219

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

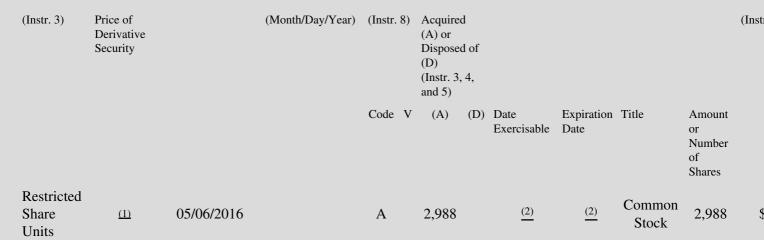
6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

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

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ROBERTS SHARON ELAINE 4600 INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY X COLUMBUS, OH 43219

Signatures

S. Elaine Roberts by Melissa A. Centers, attorney in fact per POA attached.

05/09/2016

**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) Each restricted share unit represents a right to receive either one share of STFC common stock or the cash equivalent thereof, as further described in the Outside Directors Restricted Share Unit Plan.
- (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, following a 6 month vesting period.
- Includes restricted share units previously granted under Outside Directors Restricted Share Unit Plan and restricted share units credited with dividends, equivalent in value to those declared and paid on one share of STFC common stock; 129.292 restricted share units acquired on 6/30/15; 129.401 restricted share units acquired on 9/30/15; 147.851 restricted share units acquired on 12/31/15 and 138.899 restricted share units acquired on 3/31/16.

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