

DUEMEY JAMES E  
Form 4  
July 09, 2010

**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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DUEMEY JAMES E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

518 E. BROAD STREET

(Street)

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]

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

07/07/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

Vice President

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

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)    | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                          |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                          | Amount<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                                                         | Price                                                                |                                         |
| Common<br>Shares<br>without par<br>value | 07/07/2010                              |                                                             | A <sup>(1)</sup>                        |                                                                            | 28.53<br><sup>(1)</sup>                                                                                            | \$ 0                                                                 | 12,250.85 <sup>(2)</sup> 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
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|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V (A) (D)                                                                                                             | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|                                                             | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| DUEMEY JAMES E<br>518 E. BROAD STREET<br>COLUMBUS, OH 43215 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

James E. Duemey by James A. Yano, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with  
Commission 8-17-07.

07/09/2010

\_\_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) Transaction reflects an Anniversary Stock Award made to the reporting person.

Includes indirect holdings by spouse of 1,840 shares. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of shares held by spouse. Also includes the following acquisitions: 8.286 shares acquired in March 2010 and 8.885 shares acquired in June 2010 under State Auto Financial CAP Reinvestment; 72.269 shares acquired in March 2010 and 74.003 shares acquired in June 2010 as Dividend Reinvestment; and 468.799 shares acquired in June 2010 under the STFC Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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