

MALLESCH EILEEN A

Form 3

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**FORM 3****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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SECURITIES**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

MALLESCH EILEEN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1217 SANCTUARY PLACE

(Street)

GAHANA, OH 43230

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/13/2010

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer ☐ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)5. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)6. Individual or Joint/Group  
Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting  
Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One  
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Common Shares without par value

0

D

A

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially  
owned directly or indirectly.

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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)Date  
ExercisableExpiration  
Date3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)Title  
Amount or  
Number of4. Conversion  
or Exercise  
Price of  
Derivative  
Security5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative  
Security:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Shares (I)  
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MALLESCH EILEEN A<br>1217 SANCTUARY PLACE<br>GAHANA, OH 43230 | X             |           |         |       |

Signatures

By:/s/ Eileen A. Mallesch by James A. Yano, attorney in fact, per POA attached

08/16/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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