Markert Thomas Edward Form 4 May 08, 2012

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **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(b).

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Markert Thomas Edward

(Middle)

(First)

16204 ANDALUCIA LANE

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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Applicable Line)

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Person

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

(City) (State) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

DELRAY BEACH, FL 33446

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

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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 (Instr. 3) Price of

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

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4. Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

Acquired

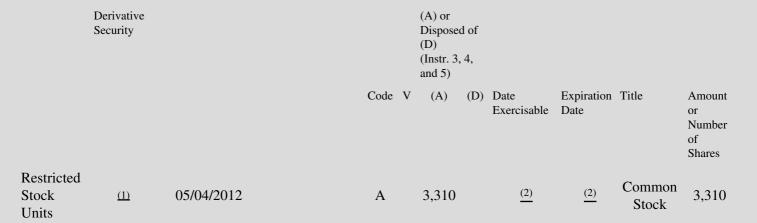
(Instr. 8)

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 |
| Markert Thomas Edward 16204 ANDALUCIA LANE DELRAY BEACH, FL 33446 | X | | | |

Signatures

Thomas E. Markert by James A. Yano, attorney in fact pursuant to a POA filed with the Commission 5-8-07

05/08/2012

**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 services 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 (3) with dividends, equivalent in value to those declared and paid on one share of STFC common stock; 98.556 shares acquired on 6/30/11; 130.042 shares acquired on 9/30/11; 121.479 shares acquired on 12/31/11 and 118.263 shares acquired on March 31, 2012.

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