ROBERTS SHARON ELAINE

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FORM 4

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

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

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

> (First) (Middle)

4600 INTERNATIONAL **GATEWAY**

COLUMBUS, OH 43219

(Street)

05/08/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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5. Amount of

Securities

Beneficially

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

(City)

(State) (Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

(A)

or

Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 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

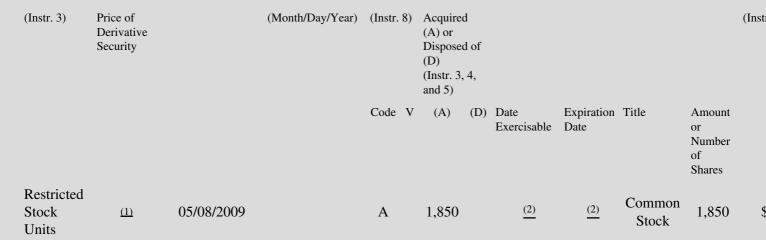
6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

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

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ROBERTS SHARON ELAINE 4600 INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY X COLUMBUS, OH 43219

Signatures

S. Elaine Roberts by James A. Yano, attorney in fact pursuant to a POA filed with the Commission on 5/4/07.

05/12/2009

**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.
- 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; 35.558 shares acquired on 6/30/08; 28.202 shares acquired on 9/30/08; 30.703 shares acquired on 12/31/08 and 50.754 shares acquired on 3/31/09.

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