Berkey Jason Earl Form 4/A March 05, 2018

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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may continue. See Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Berkey Jason Earl

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

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

03/01/2018

below) below) Senior Vice President

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person 03/02/2018 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

518 E. BROAD STREET

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

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

4. Securities

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

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

Common

Shares 03/01/2018 without par

2,441

\$0 $5,780.742 \frac{(2)}{}$

value

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Berkey Jason Earl 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/Jason Earl Berkey by Melissa A. Centers, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with the Commission 11/13/17.

03/05/2018

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- Represents a Restricted Stock Grant of 2,441 shares issued on 3/1/18, which has a time-based vesting over a 3 year period, with 1/3 (1) vesting each year on December 31.
- Includes the following acquisitions: 461.523 shares acquired on 12/31/17 through the State Auto Employee Stock Purchase Plan; 3.787 **(2)** shares acquired on 12/31/17 as dividend reinvestment; and 4.261 and 23.952 shares acquired through restricted dividend reinvestment.

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