

CENTERS MELISSA A
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CENTERS MELISSA A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
518 E. BROAD STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Shares without Par Value	02/23/2018		M		1,114 A \$ 25.81	5,035.211 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Shares without Par Value	02/23/2018		S		767 D \$ 27.601	4,268.211 ⁽¹⁾	D
Commons Shares without Par Value	02/23/2018		S		300 D \$ 27.655	3,968.211 ⁽¹⁾	D

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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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy (NQ)	\$ 25.81	02/23/2018		M	1,114	03/06/2009 03/05/2018	Common Shares	1,114

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CENTERS MELISSA A 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

/s/Melissa A.
Centers

02/26/2018

**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) Includes the following acquisitions: 505.155 shares acquired in December 2016, 444.182 shares acquired in June 2017, and 468.086 shares acquired in December 2017, under the State Auto Financial Employee Stock Purchase Plan; Includes 5.707 shares acquired in March 2017, 6.268 shares acquired in June 2017, 7.779 shares acquired in Sept. 2017 and 7.087 shares acquired in December 2017 thru the State Auto Financial 401(k) plan . Also includes the following acquisitions: 9.541, 8.090 and 37.212 shares acquired thru Restricted

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Dividend Reinvestment.

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