STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORP
Form 4/A
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JOHNSTON STEVEN J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

518 E. BROAD STREET

(Street)

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORP [STFC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/27/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
05/28/2004

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares without par value	05/27/2004		A(1)		0	A	$ 0	36,363.764	D	

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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ	$ 30.86	05/27/2004		A	V	9,542 (3)		05/27/2005(2)	05/26/2014	Common shares	9,542
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) ISO	$ 30.86	05/27/2004		A	V	4,958 (3)		05/27/2005(2)	05/26/2014	Common Shares	4,958

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSTON STEVEN J 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

Steven J. Johnston by John R. Lowther, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with Commission 11-10-94 — 07/18/2005

**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) field should be left blank, but due to a software defect, requires input.

(2) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on May 27, 2005.

(3) This report is being filed as a correction to the 5/28/04 filing. While the allocation of options between Non-qualified and ISO has changed, the total number of options granted did not change.

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