UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

Form 4 March 28, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5

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obligations may continue.

See Instruction 1(b).

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Wilkins Michael T

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

118 2ND AVE SE

(Street)

Symbol

03/24/2017

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC [UFCS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Executive Vice President & COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

Issuer

below)

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

Code (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount

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

(A)

or

(D)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

(D) or

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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Estimated average

burden hours per

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Common 03/24/2017 A 1,774 Α \$0 33,241 D Stock

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 42.27	03/24/2017		A	7,402	<u>(1)</u>	03/24/2027	Common Stock	7,402

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wilkins Michael T 118 2ND AVE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212

Executive Vice President & COO

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Signatures

/s/ Michael T. Wilkins by Barrie W. Ernst, Attorney-in-Fact

03/28/2017

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).
- (1) This option grant vests one-third on each of the first three anniversaries of the 3/24/2017 grant date.

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