

POWELL CYNTHIA A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**POWELL CYNTHIA A**

(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)

09/06/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares without par value	09/06/2007		M	1,500 A \$ 17	10,216.545	D	
Common Shares without par value	09/06/2007		M	1,500 A \$ 17	11,716.545 (1)	D	
Common Shares without par value	09/06/2007		S	600 D \$ 30.4	11,116.545 (1)	D	

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Common Shares without par value	09/06/2007	S	300	D	\$ 30.39	10,816.545 (1)	D
Common Shares without par value	09/06/2007	S	400	D	\$ 30.36	10,416.545 (1)	D
Common Shares without par value	09/06/2007	S	200	D	\$ 30.35	10,216.545 (1)	D
Common Shares without par value	09/06/2007	S	709	D	\$ 30.39	9,507.545 (1)	D
Common Shares without par value	09/06/2007	S	123	D	\$ 30.4	9,384.545 (1)	D
Common Shares without par value	09/06/2007	S	600	D	\$ 30.41	8,784.545 (1)	D
Common Shares without par value	09/06/2007	S	68	D	\$ 30.42	8,716.545 (1)	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	Title

							Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) ISO	\$ 17	09/06/2007	M	1,500	02/13/1999 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/12/2008	Common Shares	1,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ	\$ 17	09/06/2007	M	1,500	02/13/1999	02/12/2008	Common Shares	1,500

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Cynthia A. Powell by James A. Yano, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with commission 05/07/07.

09/07/2007

\_\_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: 233.412 shares acquired in May 2007 through the State Auto Financial Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan; 24.209 shares acquired in June 2007 under the dividend reinvestment feature of the STFC Employee Stock Purchase Plan; and 0.753 shares acquired in June 2007 under the STFC Dividend Reinvestment Plan; 2.75 shares acquired in June 2007 under State Auto Fin CP Reinvestment.

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