

DUEMEY JAMES E  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Duemey, James E.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>518 E. Broad Street</b>  (Street) <b>Columbus, OH 43215</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>State Auto Financial Corporation (STFC)</b>			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <b>Vice President</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)					
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>03/03/03</b>			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
<b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>										
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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 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			
<b>Common Shares without par value</b>	<b>03/03/03</b>		<b>S</b>		<b>3,000</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>16.150</b>	<b>12,065.685<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Common Shares without par value</b>								<b>2,038.000</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>Spouse</b>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date,	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivatives	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially	10. Ownership Form	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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(Instr. 3)	Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	if any (Month/Day/Year)	Securities (Instr. 8)				Year	(Instr. 3 & 4)		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)		Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date			

Explanation of Responses:

(1) signed pursuant to Power of Attorney with the Commission on July 19, 1991.

(2) Includes the following acquisitions: 1.773 shares acquired in Dec. 2002 under the Dividend reinvestment feature of the STFC Employee Stock Purchase Plan; 0.125 shares acquired in Dec. 2002 under the STFC Dividend Reinvestment Plan; 24.905 shares acquired in Dec. 2002 through the STFC 401(k) Stock Purchase Plan.

By: /s/ **James E. Duemey by John R. Lowther, attorney in fact<sup>(1)</sup>**      **03/03/03**  
 Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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