

MILEY CATHY B
Form 4
December 15, 2004

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MILEY CATHY B

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)
12/13/2004

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

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(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 (Instr. 4)
Common Shares without par value	12/13/2004		M ⁽¹⁾	3,375 A	\$ 5.5 100,650.61 ⁽²⁾	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	\$ 5.5	12/13/2004		M	V 3,375	03/01/1996 02/28/2005	Common shares 6,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MILEY CATHY B 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215	Vice President

Signatures

Cathy B. Miley by John R. Lowther, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with Commission 3-10-95. 12/15/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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

(2) Includes indirect holdings by spouse of 51388.127 shares. Also includes the following acquisitions: 229.143 shares acquired in May 2004 through the State Auto Financial Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan; 18.841 shares acquired in June 2004 and 22.473 shares acquired in September 2004 under the dividend reinvestment feature of the STFC Employee Stock Purchase Plan; and 0.367 shares acquired in June 2004 and 0.438 shares acquired in September 2004 under the STFC Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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