

State Auto Financial CORP  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â DUEMEY JAMES E (Last) (First) (Middle)  518 E. BROAD STREET (Street)  COLUMBUS,Â OHÂ 43215 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/17/2007	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. 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
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares without par value	13,171	D	Â
Common Shares without par value	2,040	I	spouse
Common Shares without par value	500	I	Jointly owned shares with spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Non-Qualified Stock Options	05/24/2002	05/23/2011	Common Shares	4,400	\$ 16.47	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options	05/23/2003	05/22/2012	Common Shares	5,000	\$ 16	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options	05/22/2004	05/21/2013	Common Shares	7,500	\$ 18.74	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options	05/27/2005	05/26/2014	Common Shares	7,500	\$ 30.86	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options	05/10/2006	05/09/2015	Common Shares	7,500	\$ 26.45	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options	05/17/2007	05/16/2016	Common Shares	6,300	\$ 33.5	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options	05/03/2008	05/02/2017	Common Shares	4,887	\$ 29.53	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DUEMEY JAMES E 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

## Signatures

By: /s/ James E. Duemey by James A. Yano, attorney in fact, per POA attached

08/17/2007

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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