

HANSEN WILLIAM D  
Form 4  
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Hansen, William D.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>518 E. Broad Street</b>  (Street) <b>Columbus, OH 43215</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>State Auto Financial Corporation (STFC)</b>		3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>12/27/02</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) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Vice President</b>	
						5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		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	

**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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(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			
Common Shares without par value	12/27/02		M		900	A	5.50	8,249.865	D	
Common Shares without par value	12/27/02		F		325	D	15.23	7,924.865	D	
Common Shares without par value								1,829.097	I	Spouse

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	2. Conversion or	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed	4. Trans-	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Number of Derivative	10. Owner-	11. Nature of Indirect
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Security (Instr. 3)	Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	Action Code (Instr. 8)	of			Date (Month/Day/ Year)	Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	ship Form of Deriv- ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Derivative Security	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)  (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)	Code		V	(A)				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) ISO	5.50	12/27/02		M			900	03/01/96	02/28/05	Common Shares	3,750	1,600	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) signed pursuant to Power of Attorney filed with the Commission on March 8, 2000.

By: /s/ **William D. Hansen by John R. Lowther, attorney in fact**<sup>(1)</sup>      **12/27/02**  
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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