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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement State Auto Financial CORP [STFC] A Coolbrith Alison Gallagher (Month/Day/Year) 08/17/2007 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 518 E. BROAD STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer _X_ Other Person (give title below) (specify below) COLUMBUS, OHÂ 43215 Form filed by More than One Director of Parent Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 0 D Â Common Shares without par value Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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 (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | Ownership Form of | (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------|--|------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
| | | | | | | Derivative | |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | Derivative | Security: Direct (D) | |
| | | | 11010 | | Security | | |
| | | | | | | or Indirect | |

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Coolbrith Alison Gallagher 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OHÂ 43215

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Director of Parent

Signatures

By:/s/Alison G. Coolbrith by James A. Yano, attorney in fact, per POA attached

08/17/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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