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

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 20, 2017 (April 19, 2017)

STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

000-19289
(Commission File Number)

31-1324304
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

518 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio
(Address of principal executive offices)

43215-3976
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (614) 464-5000

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2)

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Section 8. Other Events

Item 8.01. Other Events

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference is a press release issued by State Auto Financial Corporation on April 19, 2017.

Section 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Press release issued by State Auto Financial Corporation on April 19, 2017.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: April 20, 2017

/s/ Melissa A. Centers

Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

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State Auto Financial Reports Impact of Storm Activity

COLUMBUS, Ohio (April 19, 2017) - State Auto Financial Corporation (Nasdaq:STFC) today announced its preliminary estimate of the impact of catastrophe losses on its first quarter 2017 results. The company estimates the first quarter results will include approximately \$34 million or 11 points of net catastrophe losses.

During the quarter there were 13 events. Storm losses were widespread impacting the Ohio Valley region, South Carolina, Texas, Mississippi and Georgia. Five wind and hail storms in March contributed nearly 80% to the quarterly catastrophe losses. Slightly more than half of the catastrophe losses for the quarter were in our homeowners line of business.

STFC expects to release its first quarter 2017 results on Tuesday May 2, 2017, before the open of regular trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market and discuss its first quarter results in a conference call on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. ET. The call can be accessed via webcast at <http://www.StateAuto.com/STFC>.

About State Auto Financial Corporation

State Auto Financial Corporation, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, is a super regional property and casualty insurance holding company and is proud to be a Trusted Choice® company partner. STFC stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, which represents the top fourth of all NASDAQ listed companies.

The insurance subsidiaries of State Auto Financial Corporation are part of the State Auto Group. The State Auto Group markets its insurance products throughout the United States, through independent insurance agencies, which include retail agencies and wholesale brokers. The State Auto Group is rated A- (Excellent) by the A.M. Best Company and includes State Automobile Mutual, State Auto Property & Casualty, State Auto Ohio, State Auto Wisconsin, Milbank, Meridian Security, Patrons Mutual, Rockhill Insurance, Plaza Insurance, American Compensation and Bloomington Compensation. Additional information on State Auto Financial Corporation and the State Auto Insurance Companies can be found online at <http://www.StateAuto.com/STFC>.

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