FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Katzmar Holmes Christine Ann              |  |  |  |                           |        | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Symetra Financial CORP [ SYA ] |  |                   |   |                    |        |   |               |         | Check  | tionship of Reportir<br>all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title |  | 10% (   | ssuer<br>Owner<br>(specify   |
|--|--|--|--|---------------------------|--------|--|--|-------------------|---|--------------------|--------|---|---------------|---------|--|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 777 108TH AVE NE SUITE 1200                              |  |  |  |                           |        | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/05/2015                |  |                   |   |                    |        |   |               |         | X  | belov  |  |   |  |
| (Street) BELLEVUE WA 98004  (City) (State) (Zip)                                 |  |  |  |                           | 4. If  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                   |  |                   |   |                    |        |   |               |         | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     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. Transac Date (Month/Date)                    |  |  |  |                           |        | Execution Date,  |  |                   | Transaction Disposed Of (D<br>Code (Instr. 5) |                    |        | es Acquired (A) o<br>Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4  |               |         | Securi<br>Benefi   | cially<br>d Following  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |  |  |  |                           |        |  |  |                   | Code  | v                  | Amount |   | (A) or<br>(D) | Price   | •  | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |   | (mour 4)   |
| Common Stock (Restricted) 03/05/   |  |  |  |                           | 5/2015 |  |  |                   | A   |                    | 3,525  |   | A             | \$22.69 |  | 10,945   |  | D   |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |                           |        |  |  |                   |   |                    |        |   |               |         |  |  |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                              | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date, Transac<br>Code (li |        |  | of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |                   | Expiratio<br>(Month/D                         | n Date             | ear)   | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |               | ount    | Deri   |  | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>((Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |  |  |  | Code                      | v      | (A)  |  | Date<br>Exercisal |   | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | of<br>Sha   | ıres          |         |  |  |  |   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Remarks:

<u>Jacqueline M. Veneziani,</u> <u>Attorney In Fact</u> <u>03/09/2015</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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