FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name an<br><u>Katzma</u>                                   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Symetra Financial CORP [ SYA ] |  |   |                          |  |         |   |   |                                       |                                     | theck all ap        |   | Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner  Other (specify |        |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|---|--------------------------|--|---------|---|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|--------|---|---|---|--|
|   | Last) (First) (Middle) 777 108TH AVE NE SUITE 1200                                |  |   |                          |  |         | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2011 |   |                                       |                                     |                     |   |  |        | A belo  | ow)   | below<br>an Resources   |  |
| (Street) BELLEVUE WA 98004  (City) (State) (Zip)              |   |  |   |                          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |         |   |   |                                       |                                     |                     |   |  |        | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |  |
|   |   | Tabl                                       | e I - Non   | -Deriva                  | ative  | Sec     | curitie   | s Acq   | uired,                                | Disp                                | osed o              | f, or I   | Bene   | ficia  | ally Own  | ed  |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Date) |   |  |   |                          |  | ar)   i | Execution if any  | A. Deemed<br>kecution Date,<br>any<br>lonth/Day/Year) |                                       | Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5) |                     | ities Acquired (A)<br>d Of (D) (Instr. 3,                             |  |        | nd Secu<br>Bene   | ficially<br>ed 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<br>(C                              | A) or<br>D)                         | Price               | Trans   | saction(s)<br>. 3 and 4)                       |        | (1130.4)  |   |   |  |
| Common  | Stock (Rest   | tricted)                                   | /2011   |                          |  |         | A   |   | 4,347                                 | 4,347                               |                     | \$  | 9,157  |        | D   |   |   |  |
| Common Stock  |   |  |   |                          |  |         |   |   |                                       |                                     |                     |   |  |        |   | 277(1)  | D   |  |
|   |   | Та   | ible II - D   |                          |  |         |   |   |                                       |                                     | sed of,<br>onvertib |   |  |        | y Owned   | I   |   |  |
| 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. Deemed<br>Execution Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/\) | Date, Transac<br>Code (I |  |         | of  |   | 6. Date Ex<br>Expiration<br>(Month/Da | Date                                |                     | le and 7. Title<br>Amou<br>Secur<br>Under<br>Derive<br>Secur<br>and 4 |  | str. 3 | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   | 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) |
|   | of Posnons  |  |   |                          | Code   | v       | (A)   |   | Date<br>Exercisab                     |                                     | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar                 | ber    |   |   |   |  |

1. Includes shares 160 and 177 shares acquired under the Symetra Financial Employee Stock Purchase plan on November 12, 2010 and February 14, 2011, respectively.

## Remarks:

Jacqueline M. Veneziani, 03/08/2011 **Attorney in Fact** 

\*\* 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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