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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Guilbert Daniel R</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Symetra Financial CORP [ SYA ]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 777 108TH AVE NE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/11/2014						X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  EVP - Retirement Division				
SUITE 1200																
(Street)	/UE V	VA	98004		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						- 1	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(5	State)	(Zip)									•	·	_		
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Trans: Date (Month/L					action 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 a				5. Amount Securities Beneficially Owned Fol	Form: (D) or	Ownership orm: Direct ) or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
			Table II - De					ired, Dispo				wned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year	Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following	Ownersh Form:	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	(s)		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$28	11/11/2014		D <sup>(1)</sup>			300,000	(1)	06/30/2018	Common Stock	300,000	(1)	0	D		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$26.7	11/11/2014		A <sup>(1)</sup>		300,000		(1)	06/30/2018	Common Stock	300,000	(1)	300,000	D		

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. On October 24, 2014, Symetra Financial Corporation's board of directors declared an extraordinary cash dividend to shareholders of record as of November 7, 2014 of \$1.30 per common share. Pursuant to the provisions of the Symetra Financial Corporation Equity Plan, on November 11, 2014, Symetra Financial Corporation's compensation committee approved a non-discretionary adjustment to outstanding stock options to reduce the exercise price of the options from \$28 per share to \$26.70 to reflect distribution of the extraordinary dividend to shareholders. The Securities and Exchange Commission deems any adjustment to the exercise price of an outstanding option to be a cancellation of the "old" option and a grant of a replacement option; therefore, these two reported transactions reflect the amendment of that stock option. The amended stock option was originally granted on November 1, 2010 and vests on June 30, 2017.

#### Remarks:

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

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

11/13/2014

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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