FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD	2. Date of Ever Requiring State (Month/Day/Ye 01/21/2010	ement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Symetra Financial CORP [SYA]					
(Last) (First) (Middle)	01/21/2010		Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director		r (Moi 01/2	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 01/21/2010		
80 SOUTH MAIN ST. (Street) HANOVER NH 03755			Officer (give title below)	below)	6. In Appl	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	Form: Direc	Form: Direct (D) (Inst or Indirect (I)		ature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership r. 5)	
Common Stock			17,400,000	I		By: White Mountains Holdings (NL) B.V. ⁽¹⁾		
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. Conversion or Exercise Price of		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		
Warrants to Purchase Common Stock	08/02/2004	08/02/2014	Common Stock	9,487,872	11.49	I	By: White Mountains Re (NL) B.V. ⁽²⁾	

Explanation of Responses:

- $1. \ White \ Mountains \ Holdings \ (NL) \ B.V. \ is \ an \ indirect \ wholly \ owned \ subsidiary \ of \ the \ Reporting \ Person.$
- 2. White Mountains Re(NL) B.V. is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Reporting Person.

Remarks:

<u>Jason R. Lichtenstein, by</u> <u>Power of Attorney</u>

01/22/2010

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Jason R. Lichtenstein, Vice President & Associate General Counsel of White Mountains Capital, Inc., signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to: (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;

- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally

required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion. The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing

whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not rendering legal advice of any form, other than satisfying regulatory filing requirements, with respect to any transactions to be reported on Forms 3, 4 and 5 is not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of, and transactions in, publicly-traded securities, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 18th day of January 2010.

WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP, LTD.

By: /S/ Jennifer L. Pitts Name: Jennifer L. Pitts Its: Corporate Secretary