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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Svetik Joseph

> (First) (Middle)

200 PALMER STREET

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ESSA Bancorp, Inc. [ESSA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

STROUDSBURG, PA 18360

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acqu | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------------|---|----------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | on(A) or D | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2013 | | Code V S | Amount 1,000 | (D) | Price \$ 11.35 | 287,211 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2013 | | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 11.3 | 85,816 | I | By IRAs |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2013 | | S | 457 | D | \$ 11.25 | 200 | I | By Estate |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2013 | | S | 2,572 | D | \$ 11.4 | 83,244 | I | By IRAs |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 4,202 | I | By Spouse |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | le and | 8. Price of | 9 |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|---------|--------------|-------------|---|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | onNumber | Expiration Da | ate | Amou | int of | Derivative | J |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | , |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) |] |
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| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | J |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | |] |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | | | |
| | | | | Code v | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | • |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Svetik Joseph 200 PALMER STREET X STROUDSBURG, PA 18360

Signatures

/s/ Marc Levy, pursuant to power of attorney. 02/19/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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