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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Howes Robert S Jr			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ESSA Bancorp, Inc. [ESSA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	()		
200 PALMER STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 05/23/2013	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President		
(Street) STROUDSBURG, PA 18360			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-D	Derivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed o	of, 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquire or(A) or Disposed of (I (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price	O) Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/23/2013		F	4,572 D \$ 10.7	3 24,813 (2) (4)	D	
Common Stock					25,977 <u>(1)</u>	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					150	I	By child
Common Stock					121	I	By spouse's IRA
Common Stock					820	I	By IRA

Common Stock 7,768 I By ESOP

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

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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 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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. 6. Date Exercisable and onNumber Expiration Date of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 12.35					05/23/2009	05/23/2018	Common Stock	123,799 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Howes Robert S Jr

200 PALMER STREET Senior Vice President

STROUDSBURG, PA 18360

Signatures

/s/ Marc Levy, pursuant to power of attorney. 05/28/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) Includes shares of restricted stock that vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on May 23, 2009.
- (3) Reflects stock options that vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on May 23, 2009.

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(4) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 50% per year commencing on September 30, 2013.

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