

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
July 18, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 17, 2012

**ESSA Bancorp, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Pennsylvania**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**001-33384**  
(Commission

File No.)

**20-8023072**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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**200 Palmer Street, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**18360**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (570) 421-0531**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On July 17, 2012, ESSA Bancorp, Inc. ( ESSA ), the holding company for ESSA Bank & Trust, announced that all regulatory and shareholder approvals have been obtained to complete its acquisition of First Star Bancorp, Inc. ( First Star ) and its wholly-owned subsidiary, First Star Bank. Election forms will be mailed soon to stockholders of First Star for their completion.

A copy of the press release announcing the receipt of required approvals to acquire First Star is being filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued by the Company on July 17, 2012 announcing the receipt of required approvals to acquire First Star Bancorp, Inc.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

**ESSA BANCORP, INC.**

DATE: July 18, 2012

By: /s/ Gary S. Olson  
Gary S. Olson, President and  
Chief Executive Officer