

Howes Robert S Jr
Form 4
May 25, 2011

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)

200 PALMER STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/23/2011

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

Senior Vice President

(Street)

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

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 I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	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 and 5)	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)	
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/23/2011		F		4,153	D \$ 11.25	36,223 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock							25,080 ⁽¹⁾	I
Common Stock							150	I
Common Stock							121	I
Common Stock							820	I

By 401(k)
By child
By spouse's
IRA
By IRA

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Common Stock 5,218 ⁽¹⁾ 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. P	
				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 STROUDSBURG, PA 18360	Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Allan A. Muto, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 05/25/2011

**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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