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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

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may continue.

See Instruction

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Muto Allan A | | | 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 | (Choon an appheacie) | | | |
| 200 PALMER | STREET | | (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2013 | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP and CFO | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| STROUDSBURG, PA 18360 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | 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) | 4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | spose | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 09/30/2013 | | F | 541 | D | \$ 10.42 | 66,892 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 9,599 (1) | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 8,366 | Ι | By ESOP |

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. 6. Date Exercise conNumber of (Month/Day/Ye) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | e | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8 I S (|
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------|
| | | | | 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 | 153,275 | |

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Muto Allan A

200 PALMER STREET EVP and CFO

STROUDSBURG, PA 18360

Signatures

/s/ Marc Levy, pursuant to power of attorney 10/02/2013

**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 which vest at a rate of 50% per year commencing on September 30, 2013.

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