

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
MARCUS GEORGE M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC [ESS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/11/2007

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/11/2007 | | M | 2,500 A \$ 30.125 | 99,100 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/11/2007 | | M | 2,500 A \$ 30.375 | 101,600 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/11/2007 | | M | 2,500 A \$ 38.0625 | 104,100 | D | |

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Purchase) | \$ 30.125 | 07/11/2007 | | M | 2,500 | 10/13/1998 10/13/2008 | | Common Stock | 2,500 |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Purchase) | \$ 30.375 | 07/11/2007 | | M | 2,500 | 04/27/1999 04/27/2009 | | Common Stock | 2,500 |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Purchase) | \$ 38.0625 | 07/11/2007 | | M | 2,500 | 04/25/2000 04/25/2010 | | Common Stock | 2,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MARCUS GEORGE M | | | | X |

Signatures

Michael T. Dance,
Attorney-in-fact

07/13/2007

__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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