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August 06, 2013

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): August 2, 2013

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

001-13106 (Essex Property Trust, Inc.) 333-44467-01 (Essex Portfolio, L.P.)

(Commission File Number)

Maryland (Essex Property Trust, Inc.) 77-0369576 (Essex Property Trust, Inc.) California (Essex Portfolio, L.P.) 77-0369575 (Essex Portfolio, L.P.)

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

925 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto, California 94303 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(650) 494-3700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On August 2, 2013, Bryan Hunt gave notice of his resignation, ending his position as First Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (principal accounting officer) of Essex Property Trust, Inc. (the "Company"). Mr. Hunt resigned his position in order to pursue an opportunity at another company, and his resignation was not due to any disagreement by him with the Company regarding its accounting operations, policies or practices.

Upon Mr. Hunt's resignation, Michael T. Dance, the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will assume the responsibilities of principal accounting officer. Biographical information concerning Mr. Dance can be found on page 11 of the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, filed on April 1, 2013, and such page 11 is incorporated herein by reference.

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.

Date: August 6, 2013 ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

/s/ Michael T. Dance Name: Michael T. Dance

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

ESSEX PORTFOLIO, L.P.

By: Essex Property Trust, Inc.,

Its: General Partner

/s/ Michael T. Dance Name: Michael T. Dance

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer