

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.
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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 *
Viechnicki William A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 PALMER STREET
(Street)

STROUDSBURG, PA 18360

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ESSA Bancorp, Inc. [ESSA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/12/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	09/12/2008		S	1,500	D \$ 13.43	28,877 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	09/12/2008		S	6,100	D \$ 13.35	22,777 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	09/12/2008		S	400	D \$ 13.31	22,377 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	09/12/2008		S	100	D \$ 13.28	22,277 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	09/12/2008		S	100	D \$ 13.26	22,177 ⁽¹⁾	D
	09/12/2008		S	1,000	D	21,177 ⁽¹⁾	D

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Common Stock					\$					13.25		
Common Stock	09/12/2008		S	800	D	\$ 13.2	20,377 ⁽¹⁾	D				
Common Stock							32,000	I				By IRA
Common Stock							15,000	I				By spouse

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. Price or Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		
Stock Options	\$ 12.35					05/23/2009	05/23/2018	Common Stock	54,127 ⁽²⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Viechnicki William A 200 PALMER STREET STROUDSBURG, PA 18360			X	

Signatures

/s/ Allan A. Muto, pursuant to power of attorney

09/12/2008

**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 shares of restricted stock that vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on May 23, 2009.
- (2) Reflects stock options that vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on May 23, 2009.

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