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

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Olson Gary S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ESSA Bancorp, Inc. [ESSA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) (Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
200 PALMER STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2016	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and CEO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec		
STROUDSBURG, PA 18360			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative :	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	03/07/2016		M	15,000	A	\$ 12.35	90,011 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2016		F	14,116	D	\$ 13.54	75,895 (2) (3) (4)	D	
Common Stock							38,964 (1)	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock							130	I	By Spouse's IRA 1
Common							136	I	By

Spouse's

IRA 2

Common Stock

 $10,387 \frac{(1)}{}$

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)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	orDerivative Securities		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
Stock Options	\$ 12.35	03/07/2016	M		15,000	05/23/2009	05/23/2018	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Olson Gary S 200 PALMER STREET STROUDSBURG, PA 18360	X		President and CEO					
A1 .								

Signatures

/s/ Marc P. Levy, pursuant to power of attorney

03/09/2016

**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 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2014.
- (3) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2015.

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(4) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2016.

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