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

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Kutteroff Frederick E Issuer Symbol ESSA Bancorp, Inc. [ESSA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director (Month/Day/Year) 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 200 PALMER STREET 05/23/2008 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting STROUDSBURG, PA 18360 Person

| | (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - Non-De | erivative S | ecurit | ies Acq | quired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------|--|--|---|-----------|
| į | 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. Securities Acquired (n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| | Common Stock | 05/23/2008 | | A | 20,377 (1) | A | \$0 | 30,657 | D | |
| | Common Stock | | | | | | | 10,219 | 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)

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| 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. Number of orDerivative 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 |
| Stock Options | \$ 12.35 | 05/23/2008 | | A | 54,127 (2) | 05/23/2009 | 05/23/2018 | Common Stock | 54,127 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Kutteroff Frederick E 200 PALMER STREET STROUDSBURG, PA 18360 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

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

**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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