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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Burrus John E

(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)
 12/07/2009

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)
 Chairman of the Board

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2009 | | S | 450 | D \$ 12.42 | 24,406 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2009 | | S | 600 | D \$ 12.5 | 23,806 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2009 | | S | 100 | D \$ 12.51 | 23,706 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 60 | I As custodian for grandchild |

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|--------------|-------|---|-------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 60 | I | As custodian for grandchild 2 |
| Common Stock | 60 | I | As custodian for grandchild 3 |
| Common Stock | 5,580 | I | By IRA |
| Common Stock | 3,540 | I | By spouse's IRA |

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Stock Options | \$ 12.35 | | | | | Date Exercisable: 05/23/2009 Expiration Date: 05/23/2018 | Common Stock | Amount or Number of Shares: 54,127 ⁽²⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Burrus John E 200 PALMER STREET | X | | | Chairman of the Board |

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Signatures

/s/ Marc Levy, pursuant to power of
attorney

12/08/2009

 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) Includes 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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