

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC
Form 8-K
September 29, 2014

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): September 29, 2014

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 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 8.01 Other Events

On September 29, 2014, Essex Property Trust, Inc. (“Essex” or “the Company”) reported that certain of its computer networks containing personal and proprietary information have been compromised by a cyber-intrusion. Essex has confirmed that evidence exists of exfiltration of data on company systems. The precise nature of the data has not yet been identified and the Company does not presently have any evidence that data belonging to the Company has been misused.

After detecting unusual activity, the Company took immediate steps to assess and contain the intrusion and secure its systems. Essex has retained independent forensic computer experts to analyze the impacted data systems and is consulting with law enforcement. The investigation into this cyber-intrusion is ongoing, and the team is working as quickly as possible to identify whether any employee or tenant data may be at risk. When the analysis is complete, Essex will notify any affected parties promptly, as appropriate.

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(1) Adjusted to reflect 3-for-2 stock split on December 18, 2006.

(2) Option vests 1/3 per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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