

Grayuski Thomas J
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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 *
Grayuski Thomas J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/12/2009

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

STROUDSBURG, PA 18360

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/12/2009		P	100 A \$ 11.58	50,924 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2009		P	400 A \$ 11.572	51,324 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock					35,169 ⁽¹⁾	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					5,900	I	As custodian for child 1
Common Stock					5,000	I	As custodian

for child 2

Common Stock 1,734 ⁽¹⁾ I 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)	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 Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options	\$ 12.35					05/23/2009 05/23/2018	Common Stock	94,323 ⁽³⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Grayuski Thomas J 200 PALMER STREET STROUDSBURG, PA 18360			Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Thomas J. Grayuski 03/12/2009

**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) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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- (2) Includes 39,124 shares of restricted stock that vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on May 23, 2009.
- (3) Represents stock options that vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on May 23, 2009.

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