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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Bryant V Gail			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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
200 PALMER STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2017	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec Applicable Line)		
STROUDSBURG, PA 18360				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price	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	03/01/2017		S 2,127 D \$ 16.01	29,274 (2) (3) (4) (5)	D	
Common Stock				35,295 <u>(1)</u>	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock				2,600	I	As Custodian for child
Common Stock				1,691	I	By IRA
Common Stock				10,498 (1)	I	By ESOP

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 12.35					05/23/2009	05/23/2018	Common Stock	36,824	

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Bryant V Gail

200 PALMER STREET STROUDSBURG, PA 18360

Senior Vice President

Signatures

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

attorney 03/03/2017

> **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.
- (4) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2016.
- (5) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2017.

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