ESSA Bancorp, Inc. Form 4

December 15, 2016 **OMB APPROVAL** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 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 Olson Gary S Issuer Symbol ESSA Bancorp, Inc. [ESSA] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 200 PALMER STREET 12/13/2016 below) President and CEO (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 (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) | ansaction Date 2A. Deemed hth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (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 | 12/13/2016 | | A | 4,527 (5) | A | \$0 | 91,455 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u> | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 37,772 <u>(1)</u> | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 130 | I | By Spouse's IRA 1 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 136 | I | By Spouses IRA 2 |
| | | | | | | | 11,349 <u>(1)</u> | I | By ESOP |

Common Stock

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. Transactic 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 E S (1 |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------|
| | | | | 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 | 190,844 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| F | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Olson Gary S 200 PALMER STREET STROUDSBURG, PA 18360 | X | | President and CEO | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Marc P. Levy, pursuant to power of attorney 12/15/2016 **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.

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

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