

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MARCUS GEORGE M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC
 [ESS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/14/2007

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Price (D)		
Common Stock	09/14/2007		M		2,500 A \$ 46.99	106,600	D
Common Stock	09/14/2007		M		2,500 A \$ 50.88	109,100	D
Common Stock	09/14/2007		M		2,500 A \$ 57.57	111,600	D
Common Stock	09/14/2007		M		2,500 A \$ 62.34	114,100	D
Common Stock	09/14/2007		M		2,500 A \$ 79.25	116,600	D

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Common Stock 09/14/2007 M 2,500 A \$ 107.56 119,100 D

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)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 46.99	09/14/2007		M		2,500		05/15/2001 05/15/2011	Common Stock 2,500
Director Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 50.88	09/14/2007		M		2,500		05/14/2002 05/14/2012	Common Stock 2,500
Director Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 57.57	09/14/2007		M		2,500		05/13/2003 05/13/2013	Common Stock 2,500
Director Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 62.34	09/14/2007		M		2,500		05/11/2004 05/14/2014	Common Stock 2,500
Director Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 79.25	09/14/2007		M		2,500		05/10/2005 05/10/2015	Common Stock 2,500

Purchase)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MARCUS GEORGE M		X		

Signatures

/s/ George
Marcus

09/14/2007

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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