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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ESSA Bancorp, Inc. [ESSA] Svetik Joseph (Month/Day/Year) 07/31/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 200 PALMER STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner _X__ Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer _ Other Person (give title below) (specify below) STROUDSBURG, Â PAÂ 18360 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 288,211 Common Stock 4.202 I By Spouse Common Stock 733 Ι By Estate Common Stock 87,816 I By IRAs Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of Indirect 4. (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Ownership Beneficial Ownership Conversion

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| (Month/Day/Year) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | or Exercise Price of | Form of Operivative | (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------|
| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Svetik Joseph

200 PALMER STREET Â X Â Â

STROUDSBURG, PAÂ 18360

Signatures

/s/ Joseph Svetik 12/06/2012

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

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