

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
March 28, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF**

**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 22, 2011**

**ESSA Bancorp, Inc.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**Pennsylvania**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**

**of Incorporation)**

**001-33384**  
**(Commission**

**File No.)**

**20-8023072**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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**200 Palmer Street, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**18360**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (570) 421-0531**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensation Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(d) On March 22, 2011, ESSA Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) increased the size of its Board of Directors to ten members and appointed Brian T. Regan to the Boards of Directors of the Company. Mr. Regan was also appointed to the Board of Directors of ESSA Bank and Trust (the Bank). Mr. Regan was appointed to a term that expires at the Company's Annual Meeting in 2014. Mr. Regan was appointed a member of the Audit Committee of the Company and the Bank.

A copy of the press releases announcing this item is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| 99.1        | Press release issued by the Company on March 28, 2011 announcing the appointment of a new director. |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

**ESSA BANCORP, INC.**

DATE: March 28, 2011

By: /s/ Gary S. Olson  
Gary S. Olson, President and  
Chief Executive Officer