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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): May 4, 2011

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Pennsylvania (State or Other Jurisdiction) 001-33384 (Commission 20-8023072 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

File No.)

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200 Palmer Street, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania (Address of Principal Executive Offices) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (570) 421-0531

18360 (Zip Code)

Not Applicable

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

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 4, 2011, ESSA Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release reporting the purchase of a benefits consulting insurance business by its wholly owned subsidiary, ESSA Bank & Trust.

A copy of the press release announcing the purchase 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 May 4, 2011 announcing its purchase of a benefits consulting insurance business.

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: May 5, 2011

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