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ESSA Bancorp, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
May 29, 2008

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 27, 2008

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Pennsylvania	001-33384	20-8023072
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

200 Palmer Street, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania	18360
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

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On May 27, 2008, the Board of Directors of ESSA Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") authorized a stock repurchase program pursuant to which the Company

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intends to repurchase up to 15% of the Company's publicly held outstanding shares of common stock. The Company currently has 16,980,900 shares of common stock issued and outstanding, including 1,110,900 shares held by ESSA Bank & Trust Foundation.

In addition, also on May 27, 2008 the Company's Board of Directors approved the payment of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.04 per share of common stock. This dividend shall be paid to stockholders of record as of June 16, 2008, payable on June 30, 2008.

A copy of the press releases announcing these items are attached as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2. The information in the preceding paragraphs, as well as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits  
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- (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 29, 2008 announcing its stock repurchase program.
99.2	Press release issued by the Company on May 29, 2008 announcing the issuance of a cash dividend.

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 29, 2008

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

