ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(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 | | | | | _X_ 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) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea | ned n Date, if Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price | | | | 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) | | |
| 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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2,500 A \$ 119,100 Common 09/14/2007 M D Stock

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number proof 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | 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 | \$ 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

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Signatures

/s/ George Marcus 09/14/2007

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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