

SCORDELIS BYRON A

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SCORDELIS BYRON A2. 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)  
05/17/2011☒ 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)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)                                | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |       |     |                           |                    |                 |                                        |  |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|--|
|                                           |                                    |                  | Code       | V                                                                   | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Purchase) | \$ 134.44                          | 05/17/2011       | A          |                                                                     | 4,000 |     | 05/17/2012 <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/17/2021         | Common<br>Stock | 4,000                                  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Purchase) | \$ 134.44                          | 05/17/2011       | A          |                                                                     | 2,500 |     | 05/17/2012                | 05/17/2021         | Common<br>Stock | 2,500                                  |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCORDELIS BYRON A              |               |           |         |       |
|                                |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Michael T. Dance - Attorney  
in Fact

05/20/2011

\_\_\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

\_\_\_\_Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) One-third of these shares will vest yearly on May 17 for three years. This grant will be fully vested May 17, 2014.

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