

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Dance Michael T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC
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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC., 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/10/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President CFO

PALO ALTO, CA 94303

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

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
LTIP Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(2)</u>	12/10/2013	A		2,000 ⁽³⁾		<u>(2)(3)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 152.63	12/10/2013	A		10,000		<u>(4)</u>	12/10/2023	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dance Michael T C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE PALO ALTO, CA 94303			Executive Vice President	CFO

Signatures

Michael T. 12/12/2013
Dance

**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) Represents LTIP Units in Essex Portfolio, L.P.
- Conditioned upon minimum allocations to the capital accounts of the LTIP Units for federal income tax purposes and vesting as described in footnote 3 below, each LTIP Unit may be converted, at the election of the holder, into a unit of limited partnership interest in Essex Portfolio, L.P. (a "Common Unit"). Each Common Unit acquired upon conversion of an LTIP Unit may be converted into one share of Common Stock of the Issuer. LTIP Units are generally not convertible without the consent of the Issuer until two years from the date of the grant. The rights to convert LTIP Units into Common Units and to convert Common Units into shares of Common Stock do not have expiration dates.
- (2) 500 of the LTIP Units granted are scheduled to vest 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of December 10, 2013, subject to continued employment through such dates. 1,500 of the LTIP Units granted are scheduled to vest 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of December 10, 2013, subject to continued employment through such dates and the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuers total return to shareholders through December 10, 2014. In accordance with applicable Form 4 reporting requirements, the foregoing excludes 3,000 LTIP Units also granted on December 10, 2013 that are scheduled to vest 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of December 10, 2013, subject to continued employment through such dates and the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuers relative total return to shareholders measured against industry-specific indices through December 10, 2014.
- (3)

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(4) 20% of these options will vest on 12/10/2014 and 1/60th of the options shall vest on each monthly anniversary thereafter.

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