ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

Form 4

August 25, 2005

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock

08/24/2005

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A GUERICKE	Symbol	ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
	(First) (M X PROPERTY 5 EAST MEADO	(Month/I 08/24/2	f Earliest Tr Day/Year) 005	ansaction			_X_ Director _X_ Officer (give below) Vice Chairn		Owner r (specify
PALO ALT	(Street)		endment, Da nth/Day/Year					•	rson
							Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securiti on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	posed	of (D)	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	08/24/2005	08/24/2005	J <u>(1)</u>	10,000	A	\$ 34.25	53,639	D	

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

08/24/2005

 $J_{(1)}$

10,000 D

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\$ 86.5 43,639

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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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 34.25	08/24/2005	08/24/2005	<u>J(1)</u>	10,000	10/31/1997	10/31/2007	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

X

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GUERICKE KEITH R C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST 925 EAST MEADOW DRIVE PALO ALTO, CA 94303

Vice Chairman, President & CEO

Signatures

Keith R. 08/25/2005 Guericke

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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 the exercise of employee stock options and simultaneous sale of common stock at a price of \$86.50 per share.

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