ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **EUDY JOHN D**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

[ESS]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O ESSEX PROPERTY

(Street)

TRUST, 925 E MEADOW DRIVE

(Month/Day/Year)

Executive Vice President

Director

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/09/2014

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

PALO ALTO, CA 94303

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 6. Date Exercisable and 1. Title of 4. 5. Number 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pric (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Underlying Securities Deriva Derivative Conversion

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	ode Securities nstr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Securit (Instr.	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
LTIP Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	12/09/2014		A		1,875 (3)		(2)(3)	(2)	Common Stock	1,875	\$ (
LTIP Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	12/09/2014		A		1,875 (4)		(2)(4)	(2)	Common Stock	1,875	\$ (
LTIP Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	12/10/2014		A		3,000		(2)(5)	(2)	Common Stock	3,000	\$ (

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EUDY JOHN D C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST 925 E MEADOW DRIVE PALO ALTO, CA 94303

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Michael T. Dance (Attorney in fact) 12/11/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Da

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
- (2) 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.
- (3) 750 of the LTIP Units granted are scheduled to vest 20 percent on each of the first five anniversaries of December 9, 2014, subject to continued employment through such dates. 1,125 of the LTIP Units granted are scheduled to vest 20 percent on each of the first five anniversaries of December 9, 2014, subject to continued employment through such dates and the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuers total return to shareholders through December 9, 2015. In accordance with applicable Form 4 reporting requirements, the foregoing excludes 1,125 LTIP Units also granted on December 9, 2014 that are scheduled to vest 20 percent on each of the first five anniversaries of December 9, 2014, 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 an industry specific index through

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December 9, 2015.

- 750 of the LTIP Units granted were vested upon grant. 1,125 of the LTIP Units granted are scheduled to vest based on the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuers total return to shareholders through December 9, 2015. In accordance with applicable
- (4) Form 4 reporting requirements, the foregoing excludes 1,125 LTIP Units also granted on December 9, 2014 that are scheduled to vest based on the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuers relative total return to shareholders measured against an industry-specific index through December 9, 2015.
 - Represents LTIP Units granted on December 10, 2013 that were earned on December 10, 2014 based on the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuers relative total return to shareholders measured against industry-specific indices through
- December 10, 2014. These LTIP Units are scheduled to vest 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of December 10, 2013, subject to continued employment through such dates.

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