



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

September 12, 2014

Via E-mail

Gary S. Olson  
Chief Executive Officer and President  
ESSA Bancorp, Inc.  
200 Palmer Street  
Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania 18360

**Re: ESSA Bancorp, Inc.**  
**Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2013**  
**Filed December 16, 2013**  
**Form 10-Q for Fiscal Quarter Ended June 30, 2014**  
**Filed August 8, 2014**  
**File No. 001-33384**

Dear Mr. Olson:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Benjamin Phippen

Benjamin Phippen  
Reviewing Accountant