ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

Form 4

December 14, 2015

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Burkart John F.

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC

[ESS]

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2015

(Check all applicable)

Sr. Executive Vice President

10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, 1100 PARK PLACE, **SUITE 200**

Common

Stock

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

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

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SAN MATEO, CA 94403

(City) (State) (Zip)

12/10/2015

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price

Code V 1,875 \$0 Α 1,885 (1)

Common 12/10/2015 \$0 3,760 D A 1.875 Α Stock

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Burkart John F. C/O ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST 1100 PARK PLACE, SUITE 200 SAN MATEO, CA 94403

Sr. Executive Vice President

Signatures

s/ John Farias, Attorney 12/14/2015 in Fact

**Signature of 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).

Represents restricted stock units that vest 100% on the third anniversary of December 10, 2015, subject to continued employment through such date. In accordance with applicable Form 4 reporting requirements, the foregoing excludes 1,875 restricted stock units also granted

(1) on December 10, 2015 that are scheduled to vest 100% on the third anniversary of December 10, 2015, subject to continued employment through such date and the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuer's relative total return to shareholders measured against an industry-specific index through December 10, 2018.

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