

# FORM 4

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

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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* HALVORSON ERIC H			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORP /DE/ [SALM]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/17/2004			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
4880 SANTA ROSA RD			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) CAMARILLO, CA 93012								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	11/17/2004		M		7,000	A	\$ 22.5	7,000	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/17/2004		M		2,000	A	\$ 11.8125	9,000	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/17/2004		S		6,000	D	\$ 27	3,000	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/17/2004		S		200	D	\$ 27.01	2,800	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/17/2004		S		200	D	\$ 27.06	2,600	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/17/2004		S		500	D	\$ 27.08	2,100	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/17/2004		S		100	D	\$ 27.09	2,000	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/17/2004		S		2,000	D	\$ 27	0	D	
Class A Common Stock								2,500	I	By Halvorson Living Trust U/T/D 6/3/99 (U)

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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.5	11/17/2004		M		7,000		07/01/2000	07/01/2009	Class A Common Stock	7,000	\$ 0	0 (2)	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.8125	11/17/2004		M		2,000		09/06/2001	09/06/2011	Class A Common Stock	2,000	\$ 0	0	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HALVORSON ERIC H 4880 SANTA ROSA RD CAMARILLO, CA 93012	X			

## Signatures

Jonathan L. Block, Attorney-in-fact for Eric H. Halvorson pursuant to a continuing power of attorney		11/18/2004
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

## 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) By Eric H. Halvorson and Dianne P. Halvorson, as Trustee of the Halvorson Living Trust U/D/T dated 6/3/99

(2) The remaining 28,000 options did not become fully vested and were cancelled on 8/25/2000.

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