

FORM 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

- Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).
- Form 3 Holdings Reported
- Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* EPPERSON STUART W			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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2004			Chairman of the Board				
3780 WILL SCARLET RD <small>(Street)</small>			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	12/29/2004			G(1)	9,845	D	\$ (1)	2,850,776	D (2)	
Class A Common Stock								1,007,520	I	By Children's Trusts (3)
Class A Common Stock								50,000	I	By Epperson Family 2003 Trust (4)

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 at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
					(A) (D)							

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EPPERSON STUART W 3780 WILL SCARLET RD WINSTON SALEM, NC 27104	X	X	Chairman of the Board	

Signatures

Jonathan L. Block, Attorney-in-fact for Stuart W. Epperson pursuant to a continuing power of attorney

Signature of Reporting Person

02/10/2005

Date

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) Stuart W. Epperson and Nancy A. Epperson jointly gifted 895 shares of Class A Common Stock to a custodial account for each of their (11) grandchildren, for a total gift of 9,845 shares. Stuart W. Epperson and Nancy A. Epperson have not retained any voting or dispositive power over such gifted shares.
- (2) Stuart W. Epperson and Nance A. Epperson, as Joint Tenants.
- (3) Stuart W. Epperson as Trustee of each of the (4) Epperson Children's Trusts for all purposes other than voting matters.
- (4) Stuart W. Epperson and Nancy A. Epperson, as Trustees of the Epperson Family 2003 Trust.

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