

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

FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check One): Form 10-K Form 20-F Form 11-K Form 10-Q
 Form N-
 Form 10-D Form N-SAR CSR

For Period Ended: December 31, 2005

Transition Report on Form 10-K

Transition Report on Form 20-F

Transition Report on Form 11-K

Transition Report on Form 10-Q

Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period Ended: _____

Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:



PART I - REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Salem Communications Corporation

Full name of registrant

Not Applicable

Former name if applicable

4880 Santa Rosa Road

Address of principal executive office (Street and number)

Camarillo, California 93010

City, state and zip code

PART II - RULES 12b-25(b) and (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate.)

- (a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III - NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, N-CSR or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

Registrant hereby requests an extension of time to file its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2005. Registrant was unable to file its report on Form 10-K by March 16, 2005 without unreasonable effort or expense due to an unexpected absence of to the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of the Registrant resulting from a serious back injury. This injury resulted in the CFO being unable to complete his review of, and accordingly certify, the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K and its report on internal controls. The Registrant expects to file the Form 10-K within 15 days after the filing deadline.



**PART IV
OTHER INFORMATION**

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification.

Evan D. Masyr (805) 987-0400
(Name) (Area Code) (Telephone Number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s).

Yes No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

Salem Communications Corporation
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)



has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 16, 2006

By: /s/ EVAN D. MASYR
Evan D. Masyr
Vice President of Accounting and Finance

INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).