

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 30, 2008

SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)



Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

000-26497
(Commission
File Number)

77-0121400
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

4880 Santa Rosa Road, Camarillo, California
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

93012
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (805) 987-0400

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

The employment of Eric H. Halvorson as President and Chief Operating Officer of Salem Communications Corporation (the "Company") has been terminated effective as of September 30, 2008, as a further cost cutting measure. Mr. Halvorson's duties as President and COO will be assumed by the Company's existing senior management. Mr. Halvorson will continue to serve the Company as a member of its board of directors.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Date: October 3, 2008

By: /s/ EVAN D. MASYR

Evan D. Masyr

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer