

FORM 4

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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* ATSINGER EDWARD G III			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) Chief Executive Officer		
(Last) 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD	(First) EDWARD	(Middle) G III	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/16/2010			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		
(Street) CAMARILLO, CA 93012			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(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 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	07/16/2010		M		100,000	A	\$ 0.56	2,962,652	I	By Edward G. Atsinger III Trust (1)
Class A Common Stock								1,090,078	I	By Ted Atsinger Irrevocable Trust (2)
Class A Common Stock	07/19/2010		M		100,000	A	\$ 0.67	3,062,652	I	By Edward G. Atsinger III Trust (1)
Class A Common Stock								1,090,078	I	By Ted Atsinger Irrevocable Trust (2)

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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right buy)	\$ 0.56	07/16/2010		M		100,000	02/24/2010	02/24/2015	Class A Common Stock	100,000	\$ 0	0	I	By Edward G. Atsinger III Trust (1)
Stock Option (right buy)	\$ 0.67	07/19/2010		M		100,000	05/04/2010	05/04/2015	Class A Common Stock	100,000	\$ 0	0	I	By Edward G. Atsinger III Trust (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ATSINGER EDWARD G III 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD CAMARILLO, CA 93012	X	X	Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

Christopher J. Henderson, Attorney-in-fact for Edward G. Atsinger III, pursuant to continuing power of attorney		07/20/2010
 Signature of Reporting Person		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) By Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Edward G. Atsinger III Trust. The shares purchased on this date were immediately and concurrently gifted by Mr. Atsinger, an individual, to Mr. Atsinger as Trustee of the Edward G. Atsinger III Trust.

(2) By Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Ted Atsinger Irrevocable Trust for all purposes other than voting matters.

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