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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Form 5 obligations may Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| | pe Response | 3) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MASYR EVAN D (Last) (First) (Middle) 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD (Street) CAMARILLO, CA 93012 | | | | SAL | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORP /DE/ [SALM] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Senior VP and CFO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/28/2011 If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | uired, Dis | Lired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye | | | ear) Ex | ecuti y | Deemed ution Date, in http://doi.org/10.0000/10.000000000000000000000000000 | (Instr. 8) | | (A | 4. Securities Acquire (A) or Disposed of (I (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | | | | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | (| (monar be | | | Code | V A | nount | (A) or (D) | Price | , | | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | | | |
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Reporting Owners

| D (0 V) | Relationships | | | | | | |
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| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| MASYR EVAN D | | | | | | | |
| 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD | | | Senior VP and CFO | | | | |
| CAMARILLO, CA 93012 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/Evan D. Masyr | 09/28/2011 |
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| **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) The option vests annually in four (4) equal installments, commencing on September 28, 2012.
- (2) Each annual installment of the option expires on the fifth (5th) anniversary of the vesting date. The last installment to vest will expire on September 28, 2020.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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