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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

(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)														
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Santrella David P  (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]      3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     09/28/2011      4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						Di:	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director X_Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)				
												6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
				4. If .							_X_ Forn					
(Ci	ty)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned												
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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transa Code	ction	5. Number of Deriva Securities Acquired or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	er er etive s (A) sed	Acquired, Disponts, options, confidence of the Exercise Date	n are not re y valid OME sed of, or Bei vertible secu ble and Expir	quire 3 con neficia rities ration	d to respontrol numberally Owned  7. Title and of Underlying Securities	Amount	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Ownersh Form of Derivativ Security: Direct (D or Indirec	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

## Kepor ung Owners

D. C. O. N	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Santrella David P 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD CAMARILLO, CA 93012			President - Radio Division			

## **Signatures**

/s/Christopher J. Henderson Attorney-in-fact for David P. Santrella pursuant to a continuing power of attorney	09/30/2011
**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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