

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * EVANS DAVID | | | 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/11/2003 | | | Senior Vice President and CFO | | |
| 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (Street) CAMARILLO, CA 93012 | | | | | | | | |
| (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) | | | |

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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$23.35 | 09/11/2003 | | A | | 50,000 | | 09/11/2004 ⁽¹⁾ | 09/11/2012 ⁽²⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 50,000 | \$ 0 | 50,000 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$23.35 | 09/11/2003 | | A | | 50,000 | | 09/11/2008 ⁽³⁾ | 09/11/2016 ⁽⁴⁾ | Class A common stock | 50,000 | \$ 0 | 50,000 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| EVANS DAVID 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD CAMARILLO, CA 93012 | | | Senior Vice President and CFO | |

Signatures

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| David A.R. Evans | 09/12/2003 |
| 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 options vest in four equal installments beginning on September 11, 2004.

- (2) Each installment of the option expires on the fifth anniversary of its grant date. The last installment to vest shall expire on September 11, 2012.
- (3) The options vest in four equal installments beginning on September 11, 2008.
- (4) Each installment of the option expires on the fifth anniversary of its grant date. The last installment to vest shall expire on September 11, 2016.

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