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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

obligations may continue. See Instruction 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 Responses | s)   |   |  |   |           |                                      |                     |   |                                 |                                   |   |  |                                     |                            |   |  |            |
|---|--------------|--|---|--|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ATSINGER EDWARD G III |              |  |   |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SALEM MEDIA GROUP, INC. /DE/ [SALM] |           |                                      |                     |   |                                 |                                   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X_Director  X_10% Owner |  |                                     |                            |   |  |            |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 4880 SANTA ROSA RD                      |              |  |   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2016                     |           |                                      |                     |   |                                 |                                   | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Chief Executive Officer                     |  |                                     |                            |   |  |            |
| (Street)  |              |  |   | 4. If  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                            |           |                                      |                     |   |                                 |                                   |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                                     |                            |   |  |            |
| CAMARILLO, CA 93012 (City) (State) (Zip)                        |              |  |   |  | Table I. Non Burkering C. 1911  |           |                                      |                     |   |                                 |                                   | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  |  |                                     |                            |   |  |            |
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| (Instr. 3) Date   |              | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/      | Year) Ex  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, it<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year |   | Co<br>(In | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |                     | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                                 | (D)                               | Owned Following R<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)   |  | rities Beneficially<br>Reported     |                            | Ownership<br>Form: Of B   | eneficial<br>wnership  |            |
|   |              |  | (N  |  |   |           | Code V                               |                     | (A) or Amount (D) Pri   |                                 | Price                             |   |  |                                     |                            | Oirect (D) Or Indirect (IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII  |  |            |
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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)             | Conversion   | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code                                      | ransaction Derivative Securities  |           | 6. Date Exerc<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/ |                     | cisal   | cisable and Expiration          |                                   | n 7. Ti<br>of U<br>Secu   | ĺ  |                                     |                            | 9. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s | Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect | Beneficial |
|   |              |  |   | Code   | v   | (A)       | (D)                                  | Date<br>Exercisable |   | Expira                          | ation Date                        | Title   | e  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |                            | (Instr. 4)  | (Instr. 4)   |            |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(right to<br>buy)                           | \$ 4.85      | 03/08/2016                                 |   | A  |   | 150,000   |                                      | 03/08/201           | 7(1)  | 03/08                           | 8/2025 <sup>(2</sup>              | Cor   | ass A<br>mmon<br>tock  | 150,000                             | \$ 0                       | 150,000   | D  |            |
| Repor   | ting O       | wners                                      |   |  |   |           |                                      |                     |   |                                 |                                   |   |  |                                     |                            |   |  |            |

|  | Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |              |                         |       |  |  |  |
|--|--|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
|  |  | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer                 | Other |  |  |  |
|  | ATSINGER EDWARD G III<br>4880 SANTA ROSA RD<br>CAMARILLO, CA 93012 | X             | X            | Chief Executive Officer |       |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

| /s/Christopher J. Henderson, Attorney-in-fact for Edward G. Atsinger III pursuant to a continuing Power of Attorney | 03/10/2016 |
|---|------------|
| **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 annually in four (4) equal installments commencing March 8, 2017.
- (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 March 8, 2025.

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