

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 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) <input 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) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/23/2018 | | | | | |
| (Street) 4880 SANTA ROSA RD | | | 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) CAMARILLO, CA 93012 | | | | | | | | |

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 | 05/23/2018 | | G | | 75,620 | D | \$ 0 | 0 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 05/23/2018 | | G | | 75,620 | A | \$ 0 | 3,287,122 (1) | I | By Atsinger Family Trust (2) |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,090,078 | I | By Ted Atsinger Irrevocable Trust (3) |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | | 25,000 | I | By Atsinger 1999 Charitable Remainder Trust (4) |

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 | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships

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

Signatures

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| /s/Christopher J. Henderson, Attorney-in-fact for Edward G. Atsinger III pursuant to a continuing Power of Attorney | | 05/23/2018 |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small> | | <small>Date</small> |

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) 75,620 of these shares were previously reported as directly beneficially owned but were contributed to the Atsinger Family Trust on May 23, 2018.
 - (2) By Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Atsinger Family Trust.
 - (3) By Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Ted Atsinger Irrevocable Trust for all purposes other than voting matters.
 - (4) By Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Atsinger 1999 Charitable Remainder Trust.

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