

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |          |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br>Henderson Christopher J |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORP /DE/ [SALM]    |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>____ Director<br>X Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner<br>____ Other (specify below)<br>SVP, General Counsel & Secy |  |  |
| (Last)  | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>08/17/2012                          |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person   |  |  |
| (Street)<br>4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD                                    |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)<br>CAMARILLO, CA 93012                         |         |          | <b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b> |  |  |  |  |  |

| 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            | 08/17/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 2,000   | A          | \$ 0.67 | 2,000   | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/17/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 2,000   | D          | \$ 5.01 | 0   | 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)                | \$ 0.67  | 08/17/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 2,000   |     | 05/04/2010   | 05/04/2015      | Class A Common Stock  | 2,000                                      | \$ 0   | 23,000   | D  |       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| Henderson Christopher J<br>4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD<br>CAMARILLO, CA 93012 |               |           | SVP, General Counsel & Secy |       |

## Signatures

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| /s/ Christopher J. Henderson  | 08/21/2012 |
| Signature of Reporting Person | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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