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Form 4 Transactions

Reported

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Pe EPPERSON STUART W	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORP /DE/ [SALM]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X_ Director X_ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
(Last) (First) 3780 WILL SCARLET ROAD	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2012					Chairman of th	ne Board		
(Street) WINSTON-SALEM, NC 2710	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line) _X_Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui					ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi (A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership	
Class A Common Stock	12/24/2012		G	70,400	D	\$ <u>(1)</u>	2,846,665	D (2)		
Class A Common Stock							1,012,520	I	By Children's Trust (3)	

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	2.	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed	4.	5.		6. Date Exer	cisable	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9. Number	10.	11. Nature
Derivative	Conversion	Date	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Numb	er	and Expirati	on Date	Amou	int of	Derivative	of	Ownership	of Indirect
Security	or Exercise	(Month/Day/Year)	any	Code	of		(Month/Day	/Year)	Unde	rlying	Security	Derivative	Form of	Beneficial
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Deriva	itive			Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Securities	Derivative	Ownership
	Derivative				Securi	ties			(Instr	. 3 and		Beneficially	Security:	(Instr. 4)
	Security				Acqui	red			4)			Owned at	Direct (D)	
					(A) or							End of	or Indirect	
					Dispos	sed						Issuer's	(I)	
					of (D)							Fiscal Year	(Instr. 4)	
					(Instr.	3,						(Instr. 4)		
					4, and	5)								
										Amount				
							Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of				
					(A)	(D)				Shares				

Reporting Owners

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
EPPERSON STUART W 3780 WILL SCARLET ROAD WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27104	X	X	Chairman of the Board			

Signatures

/s/Stuart W. Epperson	02/11/2013

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).
- Stuart W. Epperson and Nancy A. Epperson jointly gifted Four Thousand, Four Hundred shares of Class A Common Stock to a custodial account for each of sixteen (16) (1) grandchildren, for a total gift of Seventy Thousand, Four Hundred (70,400) shares. Stuart W. Epperson and Nancy A. Epperson have not retained any voting or dispositive
- power over such gifted shares.
- (2) Stuart W. Epperson and Nancy A. Epperson, as Joint Tenants
- (3) Stuart W. Epperson as Trustee of each of the four (4) Epperson Children's Trusts for all purposes other than voting matters.

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