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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Form 5 obligations may Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Santrella David P | | | SAL | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORP /DE/ [SALM] | | | | | | Dir | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) — Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President - Radio Division | | | | | |
| 4880 SA | st) NTA ROS | (First) A ROAD | (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/11/2013 | | | | | | | President | - Kadio Divis | on | | |
| CAMAR | (Street) CAMARILLO, CA 93012 | | | 4. If <i>i</i> | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | _X_ Form | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (Ci | ty) | (State) | (Zip) | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu | | | | | cquired, Di | lired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1.Title of S (Instr. 3) | Title of Security 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye | | ear) Ex | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, i any (Month/Day/Yea | | Co (In: | de (A | 4. Securities Acquire (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | | | | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| 1. Title of | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction | Table 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transac Code | ., put | s, calls, w | er er etive s (A) sed | this for currentl acquired, Dispo nts, options, con 6. Date Exercisa | n are not request valid OMB of sed of, or Bene exertible securible and Expirat | dired control (ities) | d to respor rol numbe lly Owned | Amount | 8. Price of | | Ownersh Form of Derivativ Security: Direct (I or Indire | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 3. Transaction Date | Table 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transac Code | ., put | s, calls, w 5. Numbo of Deriva Securitie: Acquired or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 3, and 5) | er er ettive ss (A) sed 4, | this for currentl acquired, Dispo nts, options, con 6. Date Exercise Date | n are not request valid OMB of sed of, or Bene exertible securible and Expirat | dired contr ficial ities) | It to respondent | Amount | 8. Price of Derivative Security | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | Ownersh Form of Derivativ Security: Direct (E or Indire | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |

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| P (0 V / | Relationships | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |
| Santrella David P 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD CAMARILLO, CA 93012 | | | President - Radio Division | | |

Signatures

| /s/Christopher J. Henderson Attorney-in-Fact for David P. Santrella pursuant to a continuing power of attorney | | 03/13/2013 |
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| **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 option vests annually in four (4) equal installments, commencing March 11, 2014.
- (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 11, 2022.

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