

RIDDLE RICHARD A
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FORM 4

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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 *
RIDDLE RICHARD A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SALEM COMMUNICATIONS
CORP /DE/ [SALM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD

(Street)

CAMARILLO, CA 93012

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/07/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner
Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Security, 2. Transaction Date, 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 3. Transaction Code, 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned, 6. Ownership Form, 7. Nature of Ownership. Includes sub-columns for Code, V, Amount, (D), Price.

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)

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security.

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.74	03/07/2012	A	10,000				03/07/2013 ⁽¹⁾	03/07/2021 ⁽²⁾	Class A Common Stock	10,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIDDLE RICHARD A 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD CAMARILLO, CA 93012		X		

Signatures

/s/Christopher J. Henderson, Attorney-in-fact for Richard A. Riddle pursuant to a continuing power of attorney

03/09/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** 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 on March 7, 2013.
- (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 7, 2021.

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