

EPPERSON STUART W  
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**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 \*  
 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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3780 WILL SCARLET ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/13/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman of the Board

WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27104  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	03/13/2012		P		500	A	\$ 3.58	2,888,842	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012		P		2,100	A	\$ 3.59	2,890,942	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012		P		900	A	\$ 3.6	2,891,842	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common	03/13/2012		P		800	A	\$ 3.64	2,892,642	D <sup>(1)</sup>

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Stock								
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012	P	300	A	\$ 3.649	2,892,942	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012	P	1	A	\$ 3.65	2,892,943	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012	P	200	A	\$ 3.6625	2,893,143	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012	P	4,700	A	\$ 3.675	2,897,843	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012	P	200	A	\$ 3.685	2,898,043	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012	P	1,171	A	\$ 3.69	2,899,214	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012	P	2,700	A	\$ 3.7	2,901,914	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012	P	1,100	A	\$ 3.76	2,903,014	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012	P	423	A	\$ 3.775	2,903,437	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012	P	1	A	\$ 3.785	2,903,438	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012	P	3,627	A	\$ 3.8	2,907,065	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2012	P	300	A	\$ 3.96	2,907,365	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2012	P	1,400	A	\$ 3.97	2,908,765	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2012	P	300	A	\$ 3.98	2,909,065	D <sup>(1)</sup>	

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Class A Common Stock	03/15/2012	P	200	A	\$ 3.989	2,909,265	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2012	P	3,900	A	\$ 3.99	2,913,165	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2012	P	100	A	\$ 3.9925	2,913,265	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2012	P	500	A	\$ 3.995	2,913,765	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2012	P	3,300	A	\$ 4	2,917,065	D <sup>(1)</sup>

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 Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/Christopher J. Henderson, Attorney-in-fact for Stuart W. Epperson pursuant to a continuing power of attorney

03/15/2012

\_\_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) Stuart W. Epperson and Nancy A. Epperson, as Joint Tenants.

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