

ATSINGER EDWARD G III
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 *
ATSINGER EDWARD G III

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/24/2012

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

CAMARILLO, CA 93012

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | 12/24/2012 | | M | | 120,000 | A | \$ 2.38 | 3,182,652 | I | By Edward G. Atsinger III Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,090,078 | I | By Ted Atsinger Irrevocable Trust ⁽²⁾ |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | | 25,000 | I | By Atsinger 1999 Charitable Remainder Trust ⁽³⁾ |

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| Class A Common Stock | 10,000 | I | By Atsinger Family Trust ⁽⁴⁾ |
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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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|--------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Stock Option (right buy) | \$ 2.38 | 12/24/2012 | | M | 30,000 | 09/28/2012 | 09/28/2017 | Class A Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Stock Option (right buy) | \$ 2.38 | 12/24/2012 | | M | 90,000 | 12/22/2012 | 12/22/2017 | Class A Common Stock | 90,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ATSINGER EDWARD G III 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD CAMARILLO, CA 93012 | X | X | Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

Christopher J. Henderson, Attorney-in-fact for Edward G. Atsinger III, pursuant to continuing power of attorney

12/27/2012

____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) By Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Edward G. Atsinger III Trust.

(2) By Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Ted Atsinger Irrevocable Trust for all purposes other than voting matters.

(3) By Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Atsinger 1999 Charitable Remainder Trust.

(4) By Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Atsinger Family Trust.

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