

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/12/2012

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

4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CAMARILLO, CA 93012

(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 | 03/12/2012 | | P | | 500 | A | \$ 3 55,391 |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/12/2012 | | P | | 100 | A | \$ 3.01 55,491 |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/12/2012 | | P | | 2,100 | A | \$ 3.02 57,591 |
| Class A Common | 03/12/2012 | | P | | 3,600 | A | \$ 3.03 61,191 |

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|----------------------------|------------|---|--------|---|--------------|---------|---|
| Stock | | | | | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/12/2012 | P | 2,900 | A | \$ 3.0475 | 64,091 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/12/2012 | P | 1,800 | A | \$ 3.0484 | 65,891 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/12/2012 | P | 14,800 | A | \$ 3.05 | 80,691 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/12/2012 | P | 1,000 | A | \$ 3.059 | 81,691 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/12/2012 | P | 300 | A | \$ 3.06 | 81,991 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/12/2012 | P | 200 | A | \$ 3.07 | 82,191 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/12/2012 | P | 100 | A | \$ 3.08 | 82,291 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/12/2012 | P | 2,000 | A | \$ 3.0872 | 84,291 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/12/2012 | P | 1,100 | A | \$ 3.09 | 85,391 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/12/2012 | P | 10,000 | A | \$ 3.0978 | 95,391 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/12/2012 | P | 9,500 | A | \$ 3.1 | 104,891 | D |

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)

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| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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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

03/13/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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