

EPPERSON STUART W
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2011

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

3780 WILL SCARLET ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27104

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Amount Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/30/2011 | Â | P4 | 9,600 A \$ 2.69 | 2,867,822 | D (1) | Â |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/30/2011 | Â | P4 | 4,000 A \$ 2.521 | 2,871,822 | D (1) | Â |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/30/2011 | Â | P4 | 400 A \$ 2.725 | 2,872,222 | D (1) | Â |

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|----------------------------|------------|---|---|-------|---|---------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Class A Common Stock | 12/28/2011 | Â | G | 8,880 | D | \$ <u>(2)</u> | 2,863,342 | D <u>(1)</u> | Â |
| Class A Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 1,012,520 | I | By Children's Trust <u>(3)</u> |

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. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | | (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 | Â X | Â X | Â Chairman of the Board | Â |

Signatures

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

02/13/2012

__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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(1) Stuart W. Epperson and Nancy A. Epperson, as Joint Tenants.

(2) Stuart W. Epperson and Nancy A. Epperson jointly gifted five hundred and fifty-five (555) shares of Class A Common Stock to a custodial account for each of sixteen (16) grandchildren, for a total gift of eight thousand, eight hundred and eighty (8,880) shares. Stuart

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W. Epperson and Nancy A. Epperson have not retained any voting or dispositive power over such gifted shares.

(3) Stuart W. Epperson as Trustee of each of the four (4) Epperson Children's Trusts for all purposes other than voting matters.

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