ATSINGER EDWARD G III

Form 4

February 26, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

OMB APPROVAL OMB

Number:

3235-0287

Expires:

January 31, 2005

0.5

Estimated average burden hours per

response...

if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5

Check this box

SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

obligations may continue. See Instruction

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ATSINGER EDWARD G III

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORP/DE/[SALM]

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD

02/24/2009

(Month/Day/Year)

Chief Executive Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

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 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

Edgar Filing: ATSINGER EDWARD G III - Form 4

(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	Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.56	02/24/2009		A		100,000		02/24/2010	02/24/2015	Class A Common Stock	100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Toporous o mar round / radiacoss	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ATSINGER EDWARD G III 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD CAMARILLO, CA 93012	X		Chief Executive Officer				

Signatures

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

02/26/2009

**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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

Reporting Owners 2