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(Print or Type F	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Santrella David P			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			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/13/2010					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President - Radio Division			
				ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	-			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 			
		(7)						Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D				uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	on(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or	d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Class A Common Stock	05/13/2010			M	1,600	A	\$ 0.67	1,600	D		
Class A Common Stock	05/13/2010			S	1,600	D	\$ 4.5	0	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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 I S (
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.67	05/13/2010		М		1,600	05/04/2010	05/04/2015	Class A Common Stock	1,600	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Santrella David P 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD CAMARILLO, CA 93012			President - Radio Division					
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Signatures

Christopher J. Henderson, Attorney-in-fact for David P. Santrella pursuant to a continuing power of attorney 05/17/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) 2,067 of these options vested on May 4, 2010, 6,667 options vest on May 4, 2011 and 6,666 will vest on May 4, 2012.

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- (1) On October 16, 2000, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 33,750 shares of common stock. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning October 16, 2001.

(2)

Date

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On January 7, 2002, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 30,000 shares of common stock. The option vests annually in three equal installments beginning on January 7, 2003.

- (3) On January 6, 2004, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 22,500 shares of common stock. The option vests annually in three equal installments beginning on January 6, 2005.
- (4) On February 12, 2001, December 12, 2001 and August 27, 2003, the Company effected 3-for-2 stock splits. The above share amounts and prices reflect the effect of the stock splits.

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