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FORM 4

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

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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Santrella David P

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD

(Street)

CAMARILLO, CA 93012

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SALEM MEDIA GROUP, INC. /DE/ [SALM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below) below)

President - Broadcast Media

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(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 (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

(Instr. 4)

Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

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

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(Month/Day/Year)

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

Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)

7. Title and Amour

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(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

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Stock

Options (right to buy)

\$ 3.25 05/09/2018

A 40,000

05/09/2019(1) 05/09/2027(2)

Class A Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Santrella David P

4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD CAMARILLO, CA 93012

President - Broadcast Media

Signatures

/s/Christopher J. Henderson, Attorney-in-fact for David P. Santrella pursuant to a continuing Power of Attorney

05/11/2018

**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) The options vest annually in four (4) equal installments commencing May 9, 2019.
- (2) Each annual installment of the option expires on the fifth (5th) anniversary of the vest date. The last installment to vest will expire on May 9, 2027.

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