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Top Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration
Room N-5644
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Re: *Salem Communications Corporation Top Hat Plan Filing*

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of Salem Communications Corporation (EIN 77-0121400), with principal place of business at 4880 Santa Rosa Road, Camarillo, CA 93012, and in perfection of its obligation under Department of Labor Regulation Section 2520.104-23, we do hereby file a statement advising of the adoption, effective May 13, 2002, of a new deferred compensation plan that is an unfunded plan of deferred compensation maintained primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees. The plan is entitled the Salem Communications 2002 Deferred Compensation Plan and currently has 9 participants. Salem Communications maintains no other deferred compensation plan.

Very truly yours,

SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Jonathan L. Block
Vice President and General Counsel

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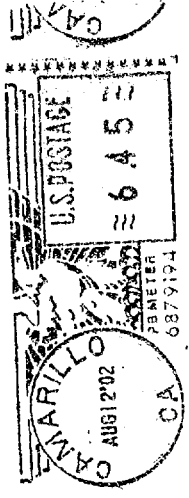
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