

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LADA WARREN S</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>73 KERCHEVAL AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>GROSSE</u> <u>POINTE MI 48236</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SAGA COMMUNICATIONS INC [SGA]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Senior Vice President</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/05/2005</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | |

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/05/2005 | | M | | 1,027 | A | \$1.389 | 6,364 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/05/2005 | | S | | 800 | D | \$16 | 5,564 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/05/2005 | | S | | 227 | D | \$16.02 | 5,337 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/06/2005 | | M | | 6,600 | A | \$1.389 | 11,937 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/06/2005 | | S | | 5,500 | D | \$15.95 | 6,437 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/06/2005 | | S | | 1,100 | D | \$16 | 5,337 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,047.1465 ⁽¹⁾ | I | in 401(k) |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | | 4,115.927 ⁽²⁾ | I | in ESPP |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Employee Stock Option | \$1.389 | 04/05/2005 | | M | | | 1,027 | (3) | 05/26/2005 | Class A Common Stock | 1,027 | \$0.00 | 6,600 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$1.389 | 04/06/2005 | | M | | | 6,600 | (3) | 05/26/2005 | Class A Common Stock | 6,600 | \$0.00 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Includes shares acquired under the Issuer's 401(k) plan since the date of Mr. Lada's last ownership report.
- Includes shares acquired under the Issuer's ESPP since the date of Mr. Lada's last ownership report.
- Option became exercisable as to 20% of the shares on each of March 1, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Remarks:

/s/ Warren S. Lada, by Paul R. Rentenbach attorney-in-fact 04/14/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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