

SAGA COMMUNICATIONS INC  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 LADA WARREN S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SAGA COMMUNICATIONS INC  
 [SGA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 73 KERCHEVAL AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/05/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MI 48236

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 (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 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 \$	11,937	D

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Common Stock						1,389		
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 <sup>(1)</sup>	I in 401(k)
Class A Common Stock							4,115.927 <sup>(2)</sup>	I in ESPP

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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.389	04/05/2005		M	1,027	<sup>(3)</sup> 05/26/2005	Class A Common Stock	1,027
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.389	04/06/2005		M	6,600	<sup>(3)</sup> 05/26/2005	Class A Common Stock	6,600

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

LADA WARREN S  
73 KERCHEVAL AVENUE  
GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MI 48236

Senior Vice President

## Signatures

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

04/14/2005

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

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