

LADA WARREN S  
Form 4  
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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)  
03/21/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior VP - Operations

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) |   |                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|----------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |   |                |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |   |                |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/21/2006                           |  | A                              | 11,741  | A   | \$ 0<br>(1)  | 22,198                            | D |                |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 1,153  | (2)                               | I | By 401(k) plan |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 4,436  | (3)                               | I | By 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      |  |
| Employee Stock Option (rt to buy)          | \$ 9   | 03/21/2006                           |  | A                              | 52,837  | (4) 03/21/2016   | Class A Common Stock  | 52,837                     |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| LADA WARREN S<br>73 KERCHEVAL AVENUE<br>GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MI 48236 |               |           | Senior VP - Operations |       |

## Signatures

Fred B. Green as attorney-in-fact  
03/23/2006

\*\*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) Grant of restricted stock which lapses in 20% increments on March 1, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 unless reporting person is not an employee on the applicable date. Any restricted stock which has not lapsed is forfeited. Notwithstanding the above, if reporting person is an employee upon the occurrence of a change in control, all restricted stock shall lapse.
  - (2) Includes shares acquired by reporting person under the issuer's 401(k) plan since last reported on Form 4.
  - (3) Includes shares acquired by reporting person under the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan since last reported on Form 4.
  - (4) Options become exercisable in 20% increments on each of March 1, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

**Remarks:**

In the June 14, 2005 Form 4, the grant of the restricted stock was for \$0, and with respect to the employee stock option (right t

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