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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CHRISTIAN EDWARD K</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>73 KERCHEVAL</u> (Street) <u>GROSSE POINTE FARMS 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chairman, President and CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/19/2003</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	08/19/2003		C		80,000	A	(1)	80,000	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/19/2003		S		80,000	D	\$19.09	432.51	I	held in 401(k) account

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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$10.56	08/19/2003		M		80,000		(2)	07/23/2008	Class B Common	80,000	\$0	312,132	D	
Class B Common Stock	(3)	08/19/2003		M		80,000		(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	80,000	\$0	0	D	
Class B Common Stock	(3)	08/19/2003		C		80,000		(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	80,000	(3)	2,360,370	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Acquired upon conversion of Class B Common Stock on 1-for-1 basis
- Exercisable as to 20% of the shares granted on each of March 1, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003
- Class B shares automatically convert into Class A shares on a 1-for-1 basis upon their sale by the reporting person

Remarks:

/s/ Edward K. Christian, by Paul R. Rentenbach attorney-in-fact 08/21/2003
 ** 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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