

Dolan James P
Form SC 13G/A
February 10, 2012

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 13G

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 3)***

The Dolan Company
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock (par value \$.001 per share)
(Title of Class of Securities)
25659P402
(CUSIP Number)
December 31, 2011
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
James P. Dolan

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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(a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
United States of America

5 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF 1,865,487

6 SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 30,800

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,865,487

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH: 30,800

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
1,896,287

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

b

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

6.2%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IN

CUSIP No. 25659P402

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

The Dolan Company

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

222 South Ninth Street, Suite 2300

Minneapolis, MN 55402

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

James P. Dolan

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

c/o The Dolan Company

222 South Ninth Street, Suite 2300

Minneapolis, MN 55402

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

United States of America

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock (par value \$.001 per share)

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

25659P402

Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to §§ 240.13d-1(b), or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not applicable

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Item 4 Ownership.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 1,896,287 ⁽¹⁾
 - (b) Percent of class: 6.2% ⁽²⁾
 - (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,865,487
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 30,800
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 1,865,487
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 30,800
- 1 This Item 4 excludes (1) 16,781 shares of common stock Mr. Dolan's spouse owns, and (2) options to acquire 1,956 shares of common stock which Mr. Dolan's spouse may exercise during the 60-day period following December 31, 2011. Mr. Dolan disclaims ownership in those shares owned by his spouse or which his spouse may acquire upon the exercise of options that are exercisable during the 60-day period following December 31, 2011.
- This Item 4 includes options to acquire 340,170 shares of common stock which Mr. Dolan may exercise during the 60-day period following December 31, 2011.

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2 Assumes 30,722,156 shares outstanding as of December 31, 2011.

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following o.

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable

Item 10 Certifications.

Not applicable

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 10, 2012
(Date)

/s/ James P. Dolan
(Signature)

James P. Dolan
(Name)

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