

Stodder Mark W C  
Form 4  
May 21, 2012

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Stodder Mark W C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE DOLAN COMPANY, 222  
NINTH STREET SOUTH, SUITE  
2300

(Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

Dolan Co. [NYSE: DM]

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

05/17/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ 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)
Common Stock	05/17/2012		A	(A) or (D) Amount (1) 11,416	\$ 0 19,189	D	
Common Stock					53,223	I	By Living Trust (2)
Common Stock					242	I	By daughter

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. Date of Acquisition or Disposal (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 6.17	05/17/2012		A		20,201		<u>(3)</u>	05/17/2019	Common Stock	20,201

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stodder Mark W C  
C/O THE DOLAN COMPANY  
222 NINTH STREET SOUTH, SUITE 2300  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

### EVP-Business Information

## Signatures

Kelly Jacobus, as Attorney-in-Fact for Mark  
Stodder

05/21/2012

\_\_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) These are restricted shares of common stock issued under the Issuer's 2007 Incentive Compensation Plan (as amended and restated). The shares vest in three equal annual installments on each of May 17, 2013, 2014, and 2015.
- (2) These shares are held in living trust for the benefit of Mr. Stodder who is sole beneficiary of these securities.
- (3) This option vests in three equal annual installments on each of May 17, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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