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Dolans, Altice Agree to Maintain News 12 Staff Through Trial (1)

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(Bloomberg) -- (Updated with further comment from Altice USA, Dolan family on nature of agreement)

* In adjourning the temporary restraining order and scheduling a Sept. trial, Delaware Chancery Court Judge Joseph Slights III approved a joint agreement between Altice USA and the Dolan family about News 12 staffing that would be in place until trial, according to a statement from Altice USA

* The agreement is consistent with commitments Altice USA made to employees in October 2018, according to Altice USA

* In a court order dated Feb. 13, Judge Slights ordered Altice USA to maintain "status quo" staffing levels at News 12 for the

remainder of the lawsuit and the trial scheduled trial for Sept. 4-6, according to the Dolan family

* Ruling prohibits Altice from reducing positions for News 12 staff until matter resolved by court

* Dolans quote court order: "During pendency of this Action in this Court, Altice shall not terminate any News 12 employee other than (i) for actual, bona fide cause or (ii) after first obtaining prior permission from the Court"

* Dolan v. Altice USA suit contends Altice must maintain staffing levels based on commitments it made when it acquired News 12 in 2016

* NOTE: Jan. 15, Dolan Family Asks Municipalities to Review Altice Pacts

Link to Statement: Judge Orders Altice USA to Maintain "Status Quo" Staffing at News 12 in Lawsuit

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