

HIBBERD DOUGLAS G  
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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 \*  
**HIBBERD DOUGLAS G**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O SOLARWINDS, INC., 3711 S.  
 MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO**  
  
 (Street)  
**AUSTIN, TX 78746**  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SolarWinds, Inc. [SWI]**  
  
 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/01/2010**  
  
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior VP, Engineering**  
  
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/01/2010                           |  | M                              |   | \$ 138,082<br>2.6867  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/01/2010                           |  | S                              |   | \$ 138,082<br>(1)<br>18.206<br>(2)  | D  |   |

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) |              |                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 2.6867  | 11/01/2010                           |  | M                              | 138,082   | (3) 08/08/2016   | 08/08/2016  | Common Stock | 138,082              |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 2.6867  |                                      |  |                                |   | (3) 08/08/2016   | 08/08/2016  | Common Stock | 110,000              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| HIBBERD DOUGLAS G<br>C/O SOLARWINDS, INC.<br>3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO<br>AUSTIN, TX 78746 |               |           | Senior VP, Engineering |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims, Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas G. Hibberd  
 11/03/2010  
 \*\*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) 12,300 of the shares were sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan.  
 This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$18.00 to \$18.62, inclusive. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares sold and each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- (3) 1/4th of the shares vested on August 7, 2007 and the remainder of the shares vested in equal monthly increments through August 7, 2010.
- (4) Vested options held by Clontarf Investments, Ltd. Clontarf Investments GP, LLC is the general partner of Clontarf Investments, Ltd. Mr. Hibberd and his wife are the sole members of Clontarf Investments GP, LLC and, by virtue of this relationship, may be deemed to have voting and dispositive power over the shares issuable upon the exercise of the options held by Clontarf Investments Ltd. Mr. Hibberd

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disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Clontarf except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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