

HIBBERD DOUGLAS G

Form 4

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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 *
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)

05/21/2012

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)

EVP, Engineering & GM APAC

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	
Common Stock	05/21/2012		M		17,549	A \$ 18.87	77,391 D
Common Stock	05/21/2012		M		7,833	A \$ 20.06	85,224 D
Common Stock	05/21/2012		M		4,689	A \$ 28.03	89,913 D
Common Stock	05/21/2012		S		19,000 (1)	D \$ 43.5234 (2)	70,913 D
Common Stock	05/21/2012		S		11,071 (1)	D \$ 44.3085	59,842 D

(3)

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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.87	05/21/2012		M		17,549		<u>(4)</u>	02/25/2020	Common Stock	17,549
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.06	05/21/2012		M		7,833		<u>(5)</u>	01/04/2021	Common Stock	7,833
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.03	05/21/2012		M		4,689		<u>(6)</u>	01/04/2022	Common Stock	4,689

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HIBBERD DOUGLAS G C/O SOLARWINDS, INC. 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO AUSTIN, TX 78746			EVP, Engineering & GM APAC	

Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/23/2012

__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) Shares sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$43.10 to \$44.095, 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 footnotes (2) and (3) to this Form.

(3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$44.10 to \$44.67, inclusive. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price.

(4) 1/4 of the shares vested and became exercisable on February 25, 2011 and 1/48 of the shares vest and become exercisable each month thereafter.

(5) 1/4 of the shares vested and became exercisable on January 4, 2012 and 1/48 of the shares vest and become exercisable each month thereafter.

(6) 1/60th of the shares vested and became exercisable on February 4, 2012 and 1/60th of the shares vest and become exercisable each month thereafter.

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