

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)

02/08/2010

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 below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Senior VP, Engineering

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)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	02/08/2010		M		12,300	A \$ 2.6867	12,300 D
Common Stock	02/08/2010		S		12,300	D \$ 20.2601	0 D
					<u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	

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)	\$ 2.6867	02/08/2010		M	12,300	<u>(3)</u>	08/08/2016	Common Stock	12,300
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.6867					<u>(3)</u>	08/08/2016	Common Stock	110,000

## 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			Senior VP, Engineering	

## Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims, Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas G. Hibberd  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 02/10/2010  
 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 \$20.085 to \$20.55, 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) Options subject to a right of early exercise by Mr. Hibberd prior to vesting and a right of repurchase by issuer that lapses in accordance with the following vesting schedule: 1/4th of the shares vested on August 7, 2007 and 1/48th shall vest each month thereafter.

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- 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 disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Clontarf except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (4)

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