

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)  
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  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, Engineering & GM APAC

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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/21/2012		M		17,549	A	\$ 18.87
Common Stock	05/21/2012		M		7,833	A	\$ 20.06
Common Stock	05/21/2012		M		4,689	A	\$ 28.03
Common Stock	05/21/2012		S		19,000 (1)	D	\$ 43.5234 (2)
Common Stock	05/21/2012		S		11,071 (1)	D	\$ 44.3085

(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)	Amount or Number of Shares
					V	(A)	(D)			
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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