

SIMS BRYAN ALLEN  
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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 \*  
SIMS BRYAN ALLEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SolarWinds, Inc. [SWI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O SOLARWINDS, INC., 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BUILDING TWO

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/09/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP, General Csl & Secretary

(Street)  
AUSTIN, TX 78746

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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                    | 02/09/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 16,000  | A  | \$ 4.06   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/09/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 12,400<br><u>(1)</u>  | D  | \$ 20.2384<br><u>(2)</u>                              |
| Common Stock                    | 02/09/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 3,600<br><u>(1)</u>   | D  | \$ 21.0076<br><u>(3)</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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 4.06  | 02/09/2010                           |  | M                              | 16,000  | ( <sup>4</sup> ) 04/26/2017                              | Common Stock  | 16,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| SIMS BRYAN ALLEN<br>C/O SOLARWINDS, INC.<br>3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BUILDING TWO<br>AUSTIN, TX 78746 |               |           | VP, General Csl & Secretary |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims

02/11/2010

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

(2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$19.82 to \$20.80, 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 ranges set forth in footnotes (2) and (3) to this Form.

(3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$20.82 to \$21.68 inclusive. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price.

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(4) 1/4th of the shares vested and became exercisable on March 29, 2008 and 1/48th vest and become exercisable each month thereafter

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