

THOMPSON KEVIN B  
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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 \*  
THOMPSON KEVIN B

(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)  
04/27/2010

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)

Director, President & CEO

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 (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	04/27/2010		M		33,838 A \$ 2.6867	33,838	D
Common Stock	04/27/2010		S		9,060 (1) D 20.4379 (2)	24,778	D
Common Stock	04/27/2010		S		18,800 (1) D 21.4939 (3)	5,978	D
Common Stock	04/27/2010		S		5,978 (1) D 21.9623 (4)	0	D



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(3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$20.91 to \$21.90, inclusive. The price reported 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), (3) and (4) of this form.

(4) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$21.91 to \$22.12, inclusive. The price reported 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), (3) and (4) of this form.

(5) Grant subject to a right of early exercise by reporting person prior to vesting and a right of repurchase by issuer that lapses in accordance with the vesting schedule. 1/4th of the shares vested and became exercisable on July 1, 2007 and 1/48th of the shares vest and become exercisable each month thereafter.

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