

WATERHOUSE LLOYD G
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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 *
WATERHOUSE LLOYD G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SOLARWINDS, INC., 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY, BUILDING 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)
05/21/2010

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/21/2010		A	3,260 (1) A \$ 0	3,260	D	

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)

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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)	\$ 18.41	05/21/2010		A	17,472	<u>(2)</u> 05/21/2010		Common Stock	17,472

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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 BUILDING TWO
 AUSTIN, TX 78746

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Signatures

/s/ Kevin B. Thompson,
 Attorney-in-Fact

05/25/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Represents the grant of restricted stock units that entitle the reporting person to receive one share of issuer's common stock per restricted stock unit. The restricted stock units vest in three equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant, subject to

(1) the reporting person's continued service through each applicable date. In the event of the termination of the reporting person, the reporting person's right to acquire the balance of the restricted stock units that have not vested as of the time of termination shall immediately terminate.

(2) 1/3 of the shares vest and become exercisable on May 21, 2011 and 1/36 of the shares vest and become exercisable each month thereafter.

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