

HIBBERD DOUGLAS G  
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**FORM 4**

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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)  
**05/26/2009**

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)  
**Senior VP, Product Development**

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	05/26/2009		M		42,078	A	\$ 2.6867
Common Stock	05/26/2009		S		42,048	D	\$ 11.625
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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	05/26/2009		M	42,078	<u>(1)</u>	08/08/2016	Common Stock	42,078
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.6867					<u>(1)</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, Product Development	

## Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims, Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas G. Hibberd  
 05/28/2009  
 \*\*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) Grant subject to a right of early exercise by Mr. Hibberd prior to vesting and a right of repurchase by SolarWinds, Inc. that lapses in accordance with the vesting schedule. 1/4th of the shares vest on the 1 year anniversary of August 7, 2006 and 1/48th shall vest each month thereafter.
- (2) 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.

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