

THOMPSON KEVIN B
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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 *
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)
07/05/2012

 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)
Director, President & CEO

 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	07/05/2012		M	A	\$ 2.6867 275,958	D	
Common Stock	07/05/2012		S	D	\$ 44.9714 235,958	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)

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	07/05/2012		M	34,009	⁽³⁾ 07/26/2016	Common Stock 34,009
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.6867	07/05/2012		M	5,991	⁽⁴⁾ 07/26/2016	Common Stock 5,991

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THOMPSON KEVIN B C/O SOLARWINDS, INC. 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO AUSTIN, TX 78746	X		Director, President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Kevin B. Thompson
07/09/2012
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 \$44.42 to \$45.26, 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 this Footnote.

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- 1/4th of the shares subject to the grant vested and became exercisable on July 1, 2007 and 1/48th of the shares vested each month thereafter. Grant was subject to a right of early exercise prior to vesting and a right of repurchase that lapsed in accordance with the vesting schedule.
- (3)
- 1/4th of the shares subject to the grant vested and became exercisable on July 1, 2007 and 1/48th of the shares vested each month thereafter.
- (4)

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