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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Strelzick Paul

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last) (First) (Middle) SolarWinds, Inc. [SWI]

(Check all applicable)

C/O SOLARWINDS, INC., 3711 S.

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

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO

08/09/2011

Senior VP, Worldwide Sales

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

AUSTIN, TX 78746

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi ord Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or	7 7	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	08/09/2011		M	4,500	A	\$ 4.48	48,377	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011		S	3,800 (1)	D	\$ 21.7013 (2)	44,577	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2011		S	700 (1)	D	\$ 22.32 (3)	43,877	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction Derivative Code Securities		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)	\$ 4.48	08/09/2011		M	4,500	<u>(4)</u>	01/23/2018	Common Stock	4,500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Strelzick Paul C/O SOLARWINDS, INC. 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO AUSTIN, TX 78746

Senior VP, Worldwide Sales

Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims, Attorney-in-Fact 08/11/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Da

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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$21.26 to \$22.21, 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 range set forth in footnotes (2) and (3) to this form.
- (3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$22.26 to \$22.48, 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 January 23, 2009 and 1/48th vest and become exercisable each month thereafter. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, <i>see</i> Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.