

SIMS BRYAN ALLEN  
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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 \*  
SIMS BRYAN ALLEN

(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)  
01/03/2012

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)  
SVP, General Csl & Secretary

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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	01/03/2012		M		56,773	A	\$ 4.06
Common Stock	01/03/2012		M		20,000	A	\$ 4.3467
Common Stock	01/03/2012		S		20,000 (1)	D	\$ 28.5278 (2)
Common Stock	01/04/2012		A		6,786 (3)	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	01/04/2012		F		522 (4)	D	\$ 28.03

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.06	01/03/2012		M	56,773	<sup>(5)</sup> 04/26/2017	Common Stock	56,773
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.3467	01/03/2012		M	20,000	<sup>(6)</sup> 10/25/2017	Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.03	01/04/2012		A	15,273	<sup>(7)</sup> 01/04/2022	Common Stock	15,273

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SIMS BRYAN ALLEN C/O SOLARWINDS, INC. 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BUILDING TWO AUSTIN, TX 78746			SVP, General Csl & Secretary	

## Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims  
Date: 01/05/2012

\_\_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 \$28.29 to \$28.79, 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.

(3) Represents the grant of restricted stock units that will entitle the reporting person to receive one share of issuer's common stock per restricted stock unit. The restricted stock units vest in five equal annual installments beginning January 4, 2013. In the event of the termination of the reporting person as a service provider, the reporting person's right to acquire the balance of the restricted stock units that have not vested as of the time of termination as a service provider shall immediately terminate.

(4) Represents the number of shares withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units.

(5) 1/4th of the shares vested and became exercisable on March 29, 2008 and 1/48th vested and became exercisable each month thereafter.

(6) 1/4th of the shares vested and became exercisable on October 25, 2008 and 1/48th vest and become exercisable each month thereafter.

(7) 1/60th of the shares shall vest and become exercisable on February 4, 2012 and each month thereafter.

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