

SIMS BRYAN ALLEN
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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)
02/25/2010

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)

VP, General Csl & Secretary

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	02/25/2010		A	5,300 (1)	\$ 0 5,300	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.87	02/25/2010		A	9,300	<u>(2)</u> 02/25/2020	Common Stock	9,300

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			VP, General Csl & Secretary	

Signatures

Bryan A. Sims 03/01/2010
 **Signature of Date
 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).
 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 four equal annual installments beginning February 25, 2011. 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.
- (1)
- (2) 1/4 of the shares vest and become exercisable on February 25, 2011 and 1/48 of the shares vest and become exercisable each month thereafter.

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