

BERRY MICHAEL J  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â BERRY MICHAEL J		(Month/Day/Year)	SolarWinds, Inc. [SWI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/01/2010	
C/O SOLARWINDS, INC., Â 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BLDG TWO			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
AUSTIN, Â TX Â 78746			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			Senior Vice President & CFO	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	18,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	02/16/2020	Common Stock	300,000	\$ 18.97	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERRY MICHAEL J C/O SOLARWINDS, INC. 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BLDG TWO AUSTIN, TX 78746	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President & CFO	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael J. Berry  
03/01/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) 1/4 of the shares vest and become exercisable on March 1, 2011 and 1/48 of the shares vest and become exercisable each month thereafter.
- (2) 1/4 of the shares vest and become exercisable on March 1, 2011 and 1/48 of the shares vest and become exercisable each month thereafter.

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