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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Strelzick Paul

(First)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SolarWinds, Inc. [SWI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/09/2013

C/O SOLARWINDS, INC., 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP, Worldwide Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

AUSTIN, TX 78746

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquir	ed, 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. Securit ord Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of	` ′	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	04/09/2013		M	7,450	A	\$ 4.3467	103,695	D	
Common Stock	04/09/2013		M	10,550	A	\$ 4.48	114,245	D	
Common Stock	04/09/2013		S	17,886 (1)	D	\$ 54.3034 (2)	96,359	D	
Common Stock	04/09/2013		S	114 (1)	D	\$ 55.0497	96,245	D	

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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. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration I (Month/Day	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)	\$ 4.3467	04/09/2013		M	7,450	<u>(4)</u>	10/25/2017	Common Stock	7,450	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.48	04/09/2013		M	10,550	<u>(5)</u>	01/23/2018	Common Stock	10,550	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

EVP, Worldwide Sales

Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims, Attorney-in-Fact 04/11/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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 \$53.97 to \$54.965, 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$54.99 to \$55.21, 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 ranges set forth in this Eventuate.
- (4) 1/4 of the shares subject to the grant vested and became exercisable on July 30, 2008 and 1/48 vested and became exercisable each month thereafter
- (5) 1/4 of the shares subject to the grant vested and became exercisable on January 23, 2009 and 1/48 vested and became exercisable each month thereafter.

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