Strelzick Paul Form 4 January 05, 2012

### 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).

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may continue.

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Strelzick Paul			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SolarWinds, Inc. [SWI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
` ,	` '	, ,	(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify			
C/O SOLARWINDS, INC., 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO			01/04/2012	below) below)			
1.2011.6 2.11 1., 2.22 6. 1 1 6				Executive VP, Worldwide Sales			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
AUSTIN, TX 78746				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zin)					

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	<b>Derivative</b>	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common	01/04/2012		Code V	Amount 35,281	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	D	
Stock	01/04/2012		A	(1)	A	\$ 0	79,158	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2012		F	1,923 (2)	D	\$ 28.03	77,235	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (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)	\$ 28.03	01/04/2012		A	79,411	(3)	01/04/2022	Common Stock	79,411	

# **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

Executive VP, Worldwide Sales

## **Signatures**

/s/ Bryan A. Sims, Attorney-in-Fact 01/05/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **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 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.
- (2) Represents the number of shares withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units.
- (3) 1/60th of the shares shall vest and become exercisable on February 4, 2012 and each month thereafter.

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