

Strelzick Paul
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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 *
Strelzick Paul

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SOLARWINDS, INC., 3711 S.
MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. 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)
01/10/2012

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)
Executive VP, Worldwide Sales

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 01/10/2012 | | M | | 18,000 | A | \$ 4.3467 95,235 |
| Common Stock | 01/10/2012 | | S | | 18,000 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 29.6136 <u>(2)</u> 77,235 |

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 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 | 01/10/2012 | | M | 18,000 | ⁽³⁾ 10/25/2017 | Common Stock 18,000 |

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
01/11/2012

**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).
- (1) Shares sold pursuant to 10b5-1 Trading Plan.
This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$29.59 to \$29.6525, 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 range set forth in this footnote.
- (3) 1/4 of the shares vested and became exercisable on July 30, 2008 and 1/48 vested and became exercisable each month thereafter.

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