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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).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Owens John David Issuer Symbol SolarWinds, Inc. [SWI] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _Other (specify C/O SOLARWINDS, INC., 3711 S. 05/29/2009 below) MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO VP, Finance & Operations, EMEA

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

> > (7:-

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

AUSTIN, TX 78746

(City)

| (City) | (State) | le 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | spose | d of (D) | 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 | 05/29/2009 | | M | 4,031 | A | \$ 4.06 | 4,031 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/29/2009 | | S | 4,031 | D | \$ 11.625 | 0 | 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 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) | \$ 4.06 | 05/29/2009 | | M | 4,031 | <u>(1)</u> | 04/26/2017 | Common Stock | 4,031 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Owens John David C/O SOLARWINDS, INC. 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO AUSTIN, TX 78746

VP, Finance & Operations, EMEA

Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims, Attorney-in-Fact for David
Owens

06/02/2009

**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) 1/4th of the shares vest and become exercisable on the 1 year anniversary of April 16, 2007 and 1/48th vest and become exercisable each month thereafter.

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