

SolarWinds, Inc.
Form 4
May 23, 2011

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CAKEBREAD STEVEN

(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)
05/19/2011

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)

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

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)
Common Stock	05/19/2011		A	(A) or (D) 1,907 (1)	\$ 0 4,788	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)

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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)	8. D S (I
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.6	05/19/2011		A	11,221	(2) 05/19/2021	Common Stock	11,221

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
CAKEBREAD STEVEN C/O SOLARWINDS, INC. 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO AUSTIN, TX 78746	X

Signatures

/s/ Kevin B. Thompson,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/23/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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(1) Represents restricted stock units awarded pursuant to the annual equity grant under the issuer's director compensation plan that entitle the reporting person to receive one share of issuer's common stock per restricted stock unit. The restricted stock units will fully vest on the earlier of the date of the issuer's 2012 annual meeting of stockholders and December 31, 2012, subject to continued service through the applicable date.

(2) Represents stock options awarded pursuant to the annual equity grant under the issuer's director compensation plan. All of the shares will fully vest on the earlier of the date of the issuer's 2012 annual meeting of stockholders and December 31, 2012, subject to continued service through the applicable date.

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