

BENNETT MICHAEL S
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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 *
BENNETT MICHAEL S

(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)
12/16/2009

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)
Chairman of the Board & CEO

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 | 12/16/2009 | | M | | 40,241 A \$ 2.6867 | 40,241 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | | S | | 38,529 (1) D \$ 20.1413 (2) | 1,712 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | | S | | 1,712 (1) D \$ 21.0065 (3) | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | | M | | 19,800 A \$ 2.6867 | 19,800 | I by LP (6) |
| | 12/16/2009 | | S | | | 1,900 | I by LP (6) |

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|--------------|------------|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|---|------------------|
| Common Stock | | | 17,900 | \$ | | | | | |
| | | | <u>(1)</u> | | 20.1212 | | | | |
| | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2009 | | S | 1,900 | D | 21.0126 | 0 | I | by LP <u>(6)</u> |
| | | | | <u>(1)</u> | | <u>(5)</u> | | | |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 2.6867 | 12/16/2009 | | M | 40,241 | <u>(7)</u> 07/26/2016 | Common Stock | 40,241 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 2.6867 | 12/16/2009 | | M | 19,800 | <u>(7)</u> 07/26/2016 | Common Stock | 19,800 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BENNETT MICHAEL S C/O SOLARWINDS, INC. 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BLDG TWO AUSTIN, TX 78746 | X | | Chairman of the Board & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael
Bennett

12/18/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Shares sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$19.88 to \$20.77, 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 footnotes (2) through (5) to this form.

(3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$20.88 to \$21.13, inclusive. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price.

(4) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$19.86 to \$20.81, inclusive. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price.

(5) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$20.87 to \$21.30, inclusive. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price.

Vested options held by MSB Asset Management, LP. MSB Asset Management GP, LLC is the general partner of the MSB Asset Management, L.P. Mr. Bennett is the sole manager of MSB Asset Management GP, LLC, and by virtue of this relationship, may be deemed to have voting and dispositive power over the shares issuable upon the exercise of options held by MSB Asset Management, L.P. Mr. Bennett disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares issuable upon the exercise of options held by MSB Asset Management, L.P. except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(7) Grant subject to a right of early exercise by Mr. Bennett prior to vesting and a right of repurchase by SolarWinds, Inc. that lapses in accordance with the vesting schedule. 1/4th of the shares vested on May 30, 2007 and 1/48th of the shares vest each month thereafter.

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