

SolarWinds, Inc.  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â SIPPL ROGER J (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O SOLARWINDS, INC.,Â 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BUILDING TWO (Street)  AUSTIN,Â TXÂ 78746 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/23/2010	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SolarWinds, Inc. [SWI]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,745 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	03/23/2020	Common Stock	14,569	\$ 21.86	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SIPPL ROGER J C/O SOLARWINDS, INC. 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BUILDING TWO AUSTIN, TX 78746	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims, Attorney-in-Fact for Roger J. Sippl  
Date: 03/30/2010

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Signature of Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 restricted stock units that entitle the reporting person to receive one share of issuer's common stock per restricted stock unit.
- (1) The restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning March 23, 2011, subject to the reporting person's continued service through each applicable date. In the event of the termination of the reporting person, the reporting person's right to acquire the balance of the restricted stock units that have not vested as of the date of termination shall immediately terminate.
  - (2) 1/3 of the shares vest and become exercisable on March 23, 2011 and the remainder vest ratably over the next 24 months, subject to the reporting person's continued service through each applicable date.

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**Remarks:**  
ExhibitÂ List

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ExhibitÂ 24-LimitedÂ PowerÂ ofÂ AttorneyÂ forÂ SectionÂ 16(a)Â Reporting

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