SolarWinds, Form 4 February 09, <b>FORN</b> Check th if no long subject to Section 1 Form 4 o Form 5 obligation may cont <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	2016 <b>14</b> UNITED STATE is box ger 6. r Filed pursuant to Section 17(a) of the 30(b)	Section 16(a) of the	h, D.C. 205 BENEFI RITIES he Securiti Iding Com	549 CIAL es Exe pany	<b>OW</b> change Act of	NERSHIP OF e Act of 1934, i 1935 or Section	OMB Number: Expires: Estimated a burden hou response	•			
1. Name and A SIPPL ROG	address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BER J	Symbol	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SolarWinds, Inc. [SWI]				<ol> <li>Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</li> <li>(Check all applicable)</li> </ol>				
	(First) (Middle) RWINDS, INC., 7171 ST PARKWAY, 400	3. Date of Earliest T (Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2016					X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
AUSTIN, T	(Street) X 78735	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)     (State)     (Zip)     Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. De (Month/Day/Year) Execut any (Month	eemed 3. ion Date, if Transact Code n/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)	3. 4. Securit Transaction(A) or Dis		quired 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			
Common Stock	02/05/2016	D	44,685	(D) D	\$ 60.1 (1)	3,604	D				
Common Stock	02/05/2016	D	3,604	D	\$ 60.1 (2)	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 E S (]
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.86	02/05/2016		D	14,569	(3)	03/23/2020	Common Stock	14,569	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.6	02/05/2016		D	11,221	<u>(4)</u>	05/19/2021	Common Stock	11,221	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.05	02/05/2016		D	5,579	(5)	05/17/2022	Common Stock	5,579	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.64	02/05/2016		D	6,109	<u>(6)</u>	05/09/2023	Common Stock	6,109	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.38	02/05/2016		D	10,706	<u>(7)</u>	05/15/2024	Common Stock	10,706	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 48.55	02/05/2016		D	8,816	<u>(8)</u>	05/14/2025	Common Stock	8,816	

## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships **Reporting Owner Name / Address** Director 10% Owner Officer Other SIPPL ROGER J Х C/O SOLARWINDS, INC.

7171 SOUTHWEST PARKWAY, BUILDING 400 AUSTIN, TX 78735

# Signatures

/s/ Jason W. Bliss, Attorney-In-Fact

02/09/2016

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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) Disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger between and among SolarWinds, Inc., Project Aurora Holdings, LLC and Project Aurora Merger Corp. (the "Merger Agreement") in exchange for a cash payment of \$60.10 per share.

Represents the disposition of restricted stock units, which provided for full vesting on the earlier of the date of the issuer's 2016 annual meeting of stockholders or December 31, 2016, which units were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for a cash payment of \$60.10 per share.

Represents the disposition of options, which provided for vesting of 1/3rd of the shares subject to the option on March 23, 2011 and 1/36th each month thereafter. The options were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for a cash payment of \$38.24

(3) Insome call month increases in a cash payment of \$50.24
 per share subject to the option. This per share price represents the difference between the applicable exercise price of the option and the per share merger consideration of \$60.10.

Represents the disposition of options, which provided for vesting of all of the shares subject to the option on the earlier of the date of the issuer's 2012 annual meeting of stockholders and December 31, 2012. The options were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in any for a sub-

(4) Issuer s 2012 annual meeting of stockholders and December 31, 2012. The options were calculated pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for a cash payment of \$36.50 per share subject to the option. This per share price represents the difference between the applicable exercise price of the option and the per share merger consideration of \$60.10.

Represents the disposition of options, which provided for vesting of all of the shares subject to the option on the earlier of the date of the issuer's 2013 annual meeting of stockholders and December 31, 2013. The options were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for a cash payment of \$15.05 per share subject to the option. This per share price represents the difference between the applicable exercise price of the option and the per share merger consideration of \$60.10.

(6) Represents the disposition of options, which provided for vesting of all of the shares subject to the option on the earlier of the date of the issuer's 2014 annual meeting of stockholders and December 31, 2014. The options were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for a cash payment of \$15.46 per share subject to the option. This per share price represents the difference between the applicable exercise price of the option and the per share merger consideration of \$60.10.

(7) Represents the disposition of options, which provided for vesting of all of the shares subject to the option on the earlier of the date of the issuer's 2015 annual meeting of stockholders and December 31, 2015. The options were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in

exchange for a cash payment of \$22.72 per share subject to the option. This per share price represents the difference between the applicable exercise price of the option and the per share merger consideration of \$60.10.

Represents the disposition of options, which provided for vesting of all of the shares subject to the option on the earlier of the date of the issuer's 2016 annual meeting of stockholders and December 31, 2016. The options were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in

(8) issuer s 2010 annual incentig of stockholders and December 51, 2010. The options were cancelled parsuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for a cash payment of \$11.55 per share subject to the option. This per share price represents the difference between the applicable exercise price of the option and the per share merger consideration of \$60.10.

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