

THORNTON JOHN D  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**THORNTON JOHN D**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
300 W. 6TH STREET, SUITE 2300  
  
(Street)  
  
AUSTIN, TX 78701  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SolarWinds, Inc. [SWI]**  
  
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/26/2009**  
  
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)  
  
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)
Common Stock	05/26/2009		C	V A	724,770 (1)	I	By LP (2)
Common stock	05/26/2009		S	D	\$ 126,870 11.625	I	By LP (2)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Convertible Preferred Stock	(1)	05/26/2009		C	724,770	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	724,770

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THORNTON JOHN D 300 W. 6TH STREET, SUITE 2300 AUSTIN, TX 78701		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims (Attorney-in-Fact) 05/28/2009

\_\_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) The Convertible Preferred Stock converted into SolarWinds, Inc. Common Stock on a one-for-one basis and had no expiration date. Shares are held directly by Austin Ventures IX, L.P. ("AV IX"). AV Partners IX, L.P. ("AVP IX LP"), the general partner of AV IX, and AV Partners IX, L.L.C. ("AVP IX LLC"), the general partner AVP IX, LP, may be deemed to have sole voting and dispositive powers over the shares held by AV IX. John D. Thornton is a limited partner of AVP IX LP and member of AVP IX LLC and may be deemed to share voting and dispositive powers over the shares held by AV IX. Mr Thornton disclaims beneficial ownership of shares held by AV IX except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

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