

SolarWinds, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
May 26, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**May 21, 2010**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

**SOLARWINDS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)  
3711 South MoPac Expressway

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

Building Two

Austin, Texas 78746

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (512) 682-9300

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.***Appointment of Director*

On May 21, 2010, the Board of Directors (the *Board*) of SolarWinds, Inc. (the *Company*) appointed Lloyd G. Waterhouse as a member of the Board effective immediately. The Board has designated Mr. Waterhouse as a Class III director to stand for election at the Company's 2012 annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Waterhouse was appointed as a member of the Audit Committee and Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board. The Board determined that Mr. Waterhouse qualifies as independent under the director independence standards set forth in the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (*SEC*) and the applicable listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange (*NYSE*) and satisfies the financial literacy and other requirements for audit committee members under the rules and regulations of the SEC and applicable listing standards of the NYSE. The Board also determined that Mr. Waterhouse is an audit committee financial expert as such term is defined by the rules of the SEC.

Mr. Waterhouse participates in the Company's Director Compensation Plan for non-employee directors. The description of this plan is set forth under the caption *2010 Director Compensation Plan* in the Company's Form 8-K filed on March 2, 2010 and is incorporated into this Item 5.02 by reference. Pursuant to the plan, Mr. Waterhouse received an initial equity grant on May 21, 2010 consisting of (i) an option to purchase 17,472 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$18.41 per share and (ii) 3,260 restricted stock units. He is also eligible to receive the annual equity grant on the date of the Company's 2011 annual stockholder meeting and the Board member retainer, the Audit Committee member retainer and the Nominating and Governance Committee member retainer effective as of the date of his appointment.

*Approval of Bonus Plan*

On May 21, 2010, the Compensation Committee of the Board approved the SolarWinds, Inc. Bonus Plan (the *Bonus Plan*), in which each of the Company's executive officers is eligible to participate. Pursuant to the Bonus Plan, the Compensation Committee will administer the Bonus Plan and, in its sole discretion, will select the participants, set the target awards for each participant, establish a bonus pool and determine the company and/or individual performance goals applicable to the bonus award for each participant. The Compensation Committee may use its discretion to modify the awards, bonus pool and performance goals at any time.

For 2010, the target awards and performance goals for each executive officer will be equal to those target awards and performance goals previously disclosed in the Company's filings with the SEC, including its definitive proxy statement dated April 6, 2010 (the *Proxy Statement*). The foregoing description of the Bonus Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the actual terms of the Bonus Plan. The Bonus Plan is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this report and is incorporated into this Item 5.02 by reference.

**Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

The Company held its 2010 annual meeting of stockholders on May 21, 2010. The stockholders approved each of the proposals set forth in the Proxy Statement for the annual meeting as follows:

Proposal One: Election of Class I Directors

<b>Board Nominee</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Withheld</b>	<b>Broker Non-Vote</b>
Jeffrey L. Horing	61,861,110	23,015	1,244,818
J. Benjamin Nye	61,861,241	22,884	1,244,818
Kevin B. Thompson	61,861,241	22,884	1,244,818

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Proposal Two: Ratification of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as 2010 Independent Public Accounting Firm

For	Against	Abstain	Broker Non-Vote
63,005,999	121,743	1,201	-

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
10.1	SolarWinds, Inc. Bonus Plan

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SOLARWINDS, INC.

Date: May 25, 2010

By: /s/ Kevin B. Thompson  
Kevin B. Thompson  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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