

BADGER METER INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
JOHNSON RICHARD E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4545 W. BROWN DEER ROAD, P.O. BOX 245036

(Street)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BADGER METER INC [BMI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/16/2005

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)  
Sr. VP-Finance, Treas & CFO / Co-trustee, Officers Voting Tr

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	02/16/2005		P		200 A \$ 28.17	I	IRA
Common Stock	02/16/2005		P		1,100 A \$ 28.2	I	IRA
Common Stock	02/16/2005		M		326 A \$ 14.25	I	OVT
Common Stock	02/16/2005		M		174 A \$ 14.25	D <sup>(1)</sup>	

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)	8. P. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options	\$ 14.25	02/16/2005		M	500	05/18/2002 05/18/2011	Common Stock	500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON RICHARD E 4545 W. BROWN DEER ROAD P.O. BOX 245036 MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536			Sr. VP-Finance, Treas & CFO	Co-trustee, Officers Voting Tr

## Signatures

Richard E.  
Johnson 02/16/2005

\*\*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).

- In addition to the shares held directly by Mr. Johnson, he also owns 16,000 shares in the Badger Meter Officers' Voting Trust, 632.22
- (1) shares in the Company's ESSOP and 14,000 shares in an IRA account. All share amounts have been adjusted to reflect the Company's 2-for-1 stock split as of December 10, 2004.
  - (2) Stock Options are granted on a one-for-one basis.
  - (3) In addition to the 9,500 stock options remaining in the May 18, 2001 grant, the reporting person has options to acquire 30,800 additional shares of Common Stock at varying grant prices and vesting schedules over a ten-year period. Share amounts have been adjusted to

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reflect the Company's 2-for-1 stock split as of December 10, 2004.

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