

BADGER METER INC
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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 **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)
05/09/2008
 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
 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	05/09/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	1,500 A	51.12 ⁽¹⁾	67,692	D
Common Stock	05/09/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	1,500 D	4	7,400	I Restricted Stock
Common Stock						1,613.2272	I ESSOP
Common Stock						28,000	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. 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. Priority of Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 5.7475					01/29/2003	01/29/2012	BMI Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options	\$ 7					05/02/2004	05/02/2013	BMI Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options	\$ 7					05/02/2004	05/02/2013	BMI Common Stock	24,000
Stock Options	\$ 18.325					05/09/2006	05/09/2015	BMI Common Stock	4,500
Stock Options	\$ 31.41					05/05/2007	05/05/2016	BMI Common Stock	3,600
Stock Options	\$ 24.94					05/04/2008	05/04/2017	BMI Common Stock	3,600
Stock Options	\$ 52.81					05/02/2009	05/02/2018	BMI Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

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P.O. BOX 245036
MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536

Sr. VP-Finance, Treas & CFO

Signatures

Richard E.

Johnson

05/12/2008

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) Shares granted 5/9/05 pursuant to the 2005 Restricted Stock Plan as approved by shareholders vested at the closing price of \$51.12 on 5/9/08 and were transferred to direct ownership.

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