

Begale Fred J
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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 *
 Begale Fred J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4545 W BROWN DEER ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/21/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP-Engineering

(Street)
 MILWAUKEE, WI 53223

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 05/21/2013 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V | 169.7084 | D | ESSOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | \$ 45.25 | I | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,426.4497 | I | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,351 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,550 | I | Restricted Stock |

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. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Stock Options | \$ 38.69 | | | | | 05/01/2010 05/01/2019 | BMI Common Stock 7,000 | |
| Stock Options | \$ 38.41 | | | | | 05/07/2011 05/07/2020 | BMI Common Stock 1,200 | |
| Stock Options | \$ 36.59 | | | | | 05/06/2012 05/06/2021 | BMI Common Stock 2,000 | |
| Stock Options | \$ 36.15 | | | | | 05/04/2013 05/04/2022 | BMI Common Stock 1,600 | |
| Stock Options | \$ 51.29 | | | | | 03/01/2014 03/01/2023 | BMI Common Stock 1,181 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Begale Fred J 4545 W BROWN DEER ROAD MILWAUKEE, WI 53223 | | | VP-Engineering | |

Signatures

Fred J. Begale 05/22/2013
 **Signature of Date
 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).

Mr. Begale paid off an existing 401(k) loan and entered into a new 401(k) loan resulting in a net difference of 262.5023 less shares. The (1) balance of 1426.4497 includes this adjustment plus the semi-monthly contributions in Badger Meter stock to his 401(k) account since last reported on 2/01/2013.

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