#### **BADGER METER INC**

Form 4

February 16, 2005

## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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, P.O. BOX 245036	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2005	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) below)  Sr. VP-Finance, Treas & CFO / Co-trustee Officers Voting Tr			
(Street) MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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#### (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common 02/16/2005 P 12,900 **IRA** 200 I Stock 28.17 Common P Ι **IRA** 02/16/2005 1,100 \$ 28.2 14,000 A Stock

326

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16,000

10,396

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of	
Derivative Security	Conversion or Exercise	(Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Code	onof Derivative	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities 1	
(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			(	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 14.25	02/16/2005		M	500	05/18/2002	05/18/2011	Common Stock	500

## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

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

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## **Signatures**

Richard E.

02/16/2005 Johnson \*\*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).
  - 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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