

BADGER METER INC  
Form 4  
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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)  
05/05/2006

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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/05/2006		A <sup>(1)</sup>	2,600 A <u>2</u>	3,350 <sup>(3)</sup>	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)**

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options - Right to Buy	\$ 62.82	05/05/2006		J <sup>(4)</sup>	1,800	05/05/2007 05/05/2016	Common Stock	1,800

## 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  
Date: 05/09/2006

\*\*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) Restricted Stock granted pursuant to the 2005 Restricted Stock Plan approved by shareholders on April 29, 2005.
- (2) The value of the award will be determined at the closing price on May 5, 2009, the date of vesting.
- (3) In addition to the Restricted Stock granted to Mr. Johnson, he also owns 16,000 shares in the Badger Meter Officers' Voting Trust, 14,596 shares jointly with his spouse, 720 shares in the Company's ESSOP and 14,000 shares in an IRA account.
- (4) Stock options granted pursuant to the Company's Stock Option Plans approved by shareholders.
- (5) Stock Options are granted on a one-for-one basis.
- (6) In addition to the options granted to Mr. Johnson on 5/5/06, the reporting person has options to acquire 30,840 additional shares of Common Stock at varying grant prices and vesting schedules over a ten-year period.

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