

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
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/01/2012

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

MILWAUKEE, WI 53223

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	05/01/2012		J(1)	A	1,000	\$ 37.07 (1)	3,536 D
Common Stock	05/02/2012		S	D	1,000	\$ 37.502	2,536 D
Common Stock	05/01/2012		J(1)	D	1,000	(1)	1,600 I Restricted Stock
Common Stock							815.1134 I ESSOP

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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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

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 05/03/2012
 **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).
- (1) Shares granted 5/1/09 pursuant to the Restricted Stock Plan as approved by shareholders, vested at the closing price of \$37.07/share on 5/1/12 and were transferred to direct ownership.

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