

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4545 W BROWN DEER ROAD

(Street)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53223

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/11/2012

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)  
 VP-Engineering

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)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	09/11/2012		I(1)		313.1838	\$ 36.27	1,128.2972 I ESSOP
Common Stock	09/12/2012		I(1)		158.7577	\$ 35.75	1,287.0549 I ESSOP
Common Stock	09/13/2012		S		200	\$ 35.94	2,951 D
Common Stock							2,400 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 or Value of Underlying Securities (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	

## 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 09/13/2012

\*\*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) Mr. Begale reallocated a portion of his funds within his 401(k) account from various investment options into the Badger Meter Company Stock Fund.

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