

BADGER METER INC
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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 *
 STOLLENWERK JOHN J

(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)
 09/27/2005

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)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) 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
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	09/27/2005		A		24.213 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>		08/08/1988 ⁽³⁾	08/08/1988 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	24.213

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Signatures

Richard A. Meeusen
attorney-in-fact

09/28/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) The phantom stock units convert to Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis.

The phantom stock units were accrued in Mr. Stollenwerk's Badger Meter, Inc. Director Deferred Compensation Plan account for the

(2) 9/27/05 meeting of the Employee Benefit Plans Committee for which he is a member. The meeting fee is \$1,000. The phantom units were computed at the 6/30/05 closing price of \$41.30/share.

(3) When a participant chooses to exit the Plan, all compensation accrued is paid out in cash.

(4) In addition to the phantom stock units, Mr. Stollenwerk owns 16,232 shares directly and he and members of his family are beneficiaries of the Dorothy Stollenwerk Trust, for which he is a Trustee, which holds 5,082 shares of Badger Meter stock.

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