

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/06/2011

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 __X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
 below) below)

VP-Business Development

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MILWAUKEE, WI 53223

(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)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/06/2011		A ⁽¹⁾		1,000	A	<u>(2)</u>	2,600	I	Restricted Stock
Common Stock								728.9651	I	ESSOP
Common Stock								2,085	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)

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. Date of S (I
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Stock Options	\$ 36.59	05/06/2011		A ⁽³⁾		2,000	05/06/2012 05/06/2021	BMI Common Stock 2,000
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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Begale Fred J 4545 W BROWN DEER ROAD MILWAUKEE, WI 53223	VP-Business Development

Signatures

Fred J. Begale 05/10/2011
 **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 Company's 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan approved by shareholders on April 29, 2011.
- (2) The value of the award will be determined at the closing price on May 6, 2014, the date of vesting.
- (3) Stock Option granted pursuant to the Company's 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan approved by shareholders on April 29, 2011.

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(4) Stock Options are granted on a one-for-one basis.

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