

JOHNSON RICHARD E  
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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)  
05/06/2011

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/06/2011		A <sup>(1)</sup>	2,000 A	5,000	I	Restricted Stock
Common Stock					1,980.2815	I	ESSOP
Common Stock					81,092	D	
Common Stock					28,000	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 (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
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options	\$ 36.59	05/06/2011		A <sup>(3)</sup>	5,000	05/06/2012	05/06/2021	BMI Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options	\$ 7					05/02/2004	05/02/2013	BMI Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options	\$ 18.325					05/09/2006	05/09/2015	BMI Common Stock	4,500
Stock Options	\$ 31.41					05/05/2007	05/05/2016	BMI Common Stock	3,600
Stock Options	\$ 24.94					05/04/2008	05/04/2017	BMI Common Stock	3,600
Stock Options	\$ 52.81					05/02/2009	05/02/2018	BMI Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options	\$ 38.69					05/01/2010	05/01/2019	BMI Common Stock	5,400
Stock Options	\$ 38.41					05/07/2011	05/07/2020	BMI Common Stock	3,000

## 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	

## Signatures

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

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