#### **BADGER METER INC**

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March 16, 2005

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* FORBES JAMES L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

BADGER METER INC [BMI]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

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

03/14/2005

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

4545 W. BROWN DEER RD., P.O. BOX 245036

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transactior(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	03/14/2005		$S_{(1)}^{(1)}$	1,250 (1)	D	\$ 30 (2)	129,634 (3)	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	400 (1)	D	\$ 29.85 (2)	129,234 (3)	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	400 (1)	D	\$ 30.1 (2)	128,834 (3)	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2005		S	450	D	\$ 29.9	128,384 (1)	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	it of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
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					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						Ì
					4, and 5)						
								1	Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date				
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FORBES JAMES L 4545 W. BROWN DEER RD. P.O. BOX 245036 MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536

X

### **Signatures**

Richard A. Meeusen Attorney-in-fact

03/15/2005 Date

\*\*Signature of 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 sold pursuant to a 10b-5 Plan. Under the Plan, Mr. Forbes has agreed to sell 2,500 shares per month over a two-year period. This amount has been adjusted for the Company's 2-for-1 stock split as of 12/10/04.
- (2) Price reflects Company's 2-for-1 stock split as of 12/10/04.
- (3) Shares adjusted for 2-for-1 stock split as of 12/10/04.

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