DIX RONALD H Form 4 May 11, 2005

FORM 4

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DIX RONALD H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(First)

BADGER METER INC [BMI]

(Check all applicable)

4545 W BROWN DEER

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2005

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

ROAD, P.O. BOX 245036

Sr. VP-Admin. & Secretary / Co-trustee Officers' Voting Tr

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

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

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536

(State)

(Zip)

(Middle)

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

Person

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial (D) or Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

(2)

Common Stock

04/18/2005

Code V Amount $A^{(1)}$ 750 A

 $750^{(3)}$

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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 A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 36.65	05/09/2005		J <u>(4)</u>	2,250	05/09/2006	05/09/2015	Common Stock	2,250

Reporting Owners

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536

Reporting Owner Name / Address				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DIX RONALD H				
4545 W BROWN DEER ROAD			Su VD Admin & Comptons	Co-trustee Officers'
P.O. BOX 245036			Sr. VP-Admin. & Secretary	Voting Tr

Relationships

Signatures

Ronald H. Dix 05/11/2005

**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 2005 Restricted Stock Plan approved by shareholders on April 29, 2005.
- (2) The value of the award will be determined at the closing price on May 9, 2008, the date of vesting.
- (3) In addition to the Restricted Stock granted to Mr. Dix, he owns 10,200 shares individually, 44,052 shares jointly with his wife, 20,400 shares in the Badger Meter Officers' Voting Trust and 6,490.52 shares in the Company's ESSOP.
- (4) Stock options granted pursuant to the Company's 1997, 1999 and 2003 Stock Option Plans approved by shareholders.
- (5) Stock Options are granted on a one-for-one basis.
- (6) In addition to the 2,250 stock options granted on May 9, 2005, the reporting person has options to acquire 47,348 additional shares of Common Stock at varying grant prices and vesting schedules over a ten-year period.

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