

JOHNSON RICHARD E
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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)
01/29/2009

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)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 01/29/2009 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 159.9027 | A | \$ 29.02 ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 70,192 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 28,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 7,400 | I | Restricted Stock |

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 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 | \$ 7 | | | | | 05/02/2006 | 05/02/2013 | BMI Common Stock | 2,500 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Sr. VP-Finance, Treas & CFO

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Signatures

Richard E.

Johnson

01/29/2009

__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) Represents shares of Badger Meter, Inc. Common Stock allocated pursuant to the Badger Meter Employee Savings and Stock Ownership Plan (ESSOP). The shares include the Company's annual year-end 401(k) match for 2008.
- (2) Price of Badger Meter, Inc. Common Stock at 12/31/08.

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