

Begale Fred J
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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 *
Begale Fred J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4545 W BROWN DEER ROAD

(Street)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53223

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BADGER METER INC [BMI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/01/2012

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)
VP-Engineering

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| | | | | | | | \$ |
| Common Stock | 02/01/2012 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 86.1483 | A | 29.43 ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 2,536 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 2,600 |
| | | | | | | 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) | 9. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|-------------------------------|
| 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 |
| Stock Options | \$ 36.59 | | | | | 05/06/2012 05/06/2021 | BMI Common Stock | | 2,000 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Fred J. Begale 02/02/2012
 **Signature of Date
 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) Represents shares of Badger Meter, Inc. Common Stock acquired 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 2011.

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(2) Price of Badger Meter, Inc. Common Stock at 12/31/2011.

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