BADGER METER INC

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Stock

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading JOHNSON RICHARD E Issuer Symbol BADGER METER INC [BMI] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title __X__ Other (specify 4545 W. BROWN DEER 09/30/2005 below) below) ROAD, P.O. BOX 245036 Sr. VP-Finance, Treas & CFO / Co-trustee, Officers Voting Tr (Street) 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 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Form: Direct Beneficial (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common 09/30/2005 12,796 (1) M 2,400 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)	Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 11.495	09/30/2005		M(2)		2,400	01/29/2003	01/29/2012	Common Stock	2,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
JOHNSON RICHARD E							
4545 W. BROWN DEER ROAD			Sr. VP-Finance, Treas &	Co-trustee, Officers Voting			
P.O. BOX 245036			CFO	Tr			
MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536							

Signatures

Richard E.

Johnson 10/03/2005

**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) In addition to the 12,796 shares owned by Mr. Johnson jointly with his spouse, he also owns 16,000 shares in the Badger Meter Officers' Voting Trust, 632.22 shares in the Company's ESSOP, 14,000 shares in an IRA account and 750 shares of Restricted Stock.
- (2) Stock options granted pursuant to the Company's 1997, 1999 and 2003 Stock Option Plans approved by shareholders.
- (3) Stock Options are granted on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) In addition to the options granted to Mr. Johnson on 1/29/02, the reporting person has options to acquire 30,550 additional shares of Common Stock at varying grant prices and vesting schedules over a ten-year period.

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