FORBES JAMES L

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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1(b).

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

Name and Address of Reporting Pers FORBES JAMES L	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BADGER METER INC [BMI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Midd	le) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
4545 W. BROWN DEER RD., F BOX 245036	(Month/Day/Year) P.O. 01/31/2005	XDirector10% Own Officer (give titleOther (spe below) below)		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
MII WALIKEE WI 52224 0526	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536

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(City)	(State)	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or D	ispose	d of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/31/2005		M	1,000	A	\$ 11.25	133,384 (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)

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I S	. 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
	Stock Options	\$ 11.25	01/31/2005		M	1,000	05/16/2001	05/16/2007	Common Stock	1,000

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					
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Signatures

Richard E. Johnson attorney-in-fact 02/02/2005

**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) Shares adjusted for 2-for-1 stock split payable 12/10/04.
- (2) Stock Options are granted on a one-for-one basis.

In addition to the 5,474 non-qualified stock options remaining in the May 16, 1997 grant, the reporting person has options to acquire (3) 72,086 additional shares of Common Stock at varying grant prices prior to May 1, 2007. All share amounts have been adjusted to reflect the Company's 2-for-1 stock split as of December 10, 2004.

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