

JOHNSON RICHARD E  
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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 \*  
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)  
07/29/2010

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/29/2010                           |  | M                              | 2,500 A   | \$ 7 80,092   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,878.7028  | I  | ESSOP                             |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 28,000  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,000   | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options                              | \$ 7   | 07/29/2010                           |  | M                              | 2,500<br><u>(1)</u>   | 05/02/2006 05/02/2013                                    | BMI<br>Common Stock   | 2,500                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 7   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/02/2004 05/02/2013                                    | BMI<br>Common Stock   | 5,000                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 18.325  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/09/2006 05/09/2015                                    | BMI<br>Common Stock   | 4,500                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 31.41   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/05/2007 05/05/2016                                    | BMI<br>Common Stock   | 3,600                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 24.94   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/04/2008 05/04/2017                                    | BMI<br>Common Stock   | 3,600                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 52.81   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/02/2009 05/02/2018                                    | BMI<br>Common Stock   | 3,000                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 38.69   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/01/2010 05/01/2019                                    | BMI<br>Common Stock   | 5,400                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 38.41   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/07/2011 05/07/2020                                    | BMI<br>Common Stock   | 3,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| JOHNSON RICHARD E<br>4545 W. BROWN DEER ROAD<br>P.O. BOX 245036<br>MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536 |               |           | Sr. VP-Finance, Treas & CFO |       |

## Signatures

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Richard E.<br>Johnson              | 07/30/2010 |
| **Signature of<br>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) Stock options granted pursuant to the Company's Stock Option Plans approved by shareholders.
  - (2) Stock Options are granted on a one-for-one basis.

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