

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)
 03/01/2013

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	03/01/2013		A	750 A <u>(1)</u>	3,150	I	Restricted Stock
Common Stock					1,596.1581	I	ESSOP
Common Stock					2,351	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)

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 (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	\$ 51.29	03/01/2013		A	1,181	03/01/2014 03/01/2023	BMI Common Stock	1,181
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
Stock Options	\$ 36.15					05/04/2013 05/04/2022	BMI Common Stock	1,600

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 03/04/2013
 **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) The value of the award will be determined at the closing price on March 1, 2016, the date of vesting.
- (2) Stock Options are granted on a one-for-one basis.

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