

BADGER METER INC
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**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 *
SMILEY BEVERLY L P

(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)
 03/23/2005

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-Controller

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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/23/2005		M		1,600	A	\$ 11.495
Common Stock	03/23/2005		G		200	D	\$ 28
					9,150 ⁽¹⁾	D	
					8,950 ⁽¹⁾	I	Custodial Accounts ⁽²⁾

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 Option	\$ 11.495	03/23/2005		M	1,600	01/29/2003 01/29/2012	Common Stock	1,600 <u>(3)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMILEY BEVERLY L P 4545 W. BROWN DEER ROAD P.O. BOX 245036 MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536			VP-Controller	

Signatures

Beverly L. Smiley 03/24/2005

**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).
- In addition to the shares held directly by Ms. Smiley, she also owns 9,400 shares in the Badger Meter Officers' Voting Trust and 2,720.30
- (1) shares in the Company's ESSOP. All share amounts have been adjusted to reflect the Company's 2-for-1 stock split as of December 10, 2004.
 - (2) Ms. Smiley gifted 100 shares to each of her two minor age sons.
 - (3) In addition to the 4,800 stock options remaining in the 1/29/2002 grant, the reporting person has options to acquire 30,150 additional shares of Common Stock at varying grant prices and vesting schedules over a ten-year period. All share amounts have been adjusted to reflect the Company's 2-for-1 stock split as of December 10, 2004.
 - (4) Stock Options are granted on a one-for-one basis.

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