

BADGER METER INC  
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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)  
 07/24/2007

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 / Co-trustee, Officers Voting Tr

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 or Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/24/2007                           |  | M                              |   | 3,500 A \$ 5.7475   | 68,692   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/24/2007                           |  | S                              |   | 3,500 D \$ 35.0235  | 65,192   | D   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 1,551.0631   | I ESSOP   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 28,000   | D   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 7,900  | I Restricted Stock                                    |

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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                              | \$ 5.7475  | 07/24/2007                           |  | M                              | 3,500   | 01/29/2003 01/29/2012                                    | BMI Common Stock  | 3,500                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 7   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/02/2004 05/02/2013                                    | BMI Common Stock  | 10,000                        |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 7   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/02/2004 05/02/2013                                    | BMI Common Stock  | 24,000                        |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 18.325  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/09/2006 05/09/2015                                    | BMI Common Stock  | 4,500                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 31.41   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/05/2007 05/05/2016                                    | BMI Common Stock  | 3,600                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 24.94   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/04/2008 05/04/2017                                    | BMI Common Stock  | 3,600                         |

## 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 |               |           | Sr. VP-Finance, Treas & CFO | Co-trustee, Officers Voting Tr |

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## Signatures

Richard E.

Johnson

07/25/2007

\_\_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) Stock Options are granted on a one-for-one basis.

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