

Begale Fred J
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FORM 4

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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 *
 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)
 03/02/2018

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)
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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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/02/2018		A ⁽¹⁾	610 A \$ 0	6,219	D	
Common Stock					6,780.747	I	ESSOP

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 48.2	03/02/2018		A	1,621	03/02/2019 ⁽²⁾ 03/02/2028	BMI Common Stock	1,621
Stock Options	\$ 25.645					03/01/2014 03/01/2023	BMI Common Stock	2,362
Stock Options	\$ 27.18					03/07/2015 03/07/2024	BMI Common Stock	2,416
Stock Options	\$ 28.33					03/06/2016 03/06/2025	BMI Common Stock	2,416
Stock Options	\$ 33.975					03/04/2017 03/04/2026	BMI Common Stock	2,064
Stock Options	\$ 36.45					03/03/2018 03/03/2027	BMI Common Stock	1,981

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 03/06/2018

**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) Restricted stock granted March 2, 2018 to reporting person under the 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The restricted stock vests 100% on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares under the 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan. This option vests and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on March 2, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively.

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