

FORBES JAMES L  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
FORBES JAMES L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4545 W. BROWN DEER RD., 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)

01/25/2005

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)

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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	01/25/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		250	D	
					\$ 28 <sup>(2)</sup>		
					134,634 <sup>(3)</sup>		D
Common Stock	01/25/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		100	D	
					\$ 28.15 <sup>(2)</sup>		
					134,534 <sup>(3)</sup>		D
Common Stock	01/25/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,000	D	
					\$ 28.1 <sup>(2)</sup>		
					133,534 <sup>(3)</sup>		D
Common Stock	01/25/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		400	D	
					\$ 28.01 <sup>(2)</sup>		
					133,134 <sup>(3)</sup>		D
	01/25/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		750	D	
					132,384 <sup>(3)</sup>		D

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Common Stock \$ 28.25  
(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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FORBES JAMES L 4545 W. BROWN DEER RD. P.O. BOX 245036 MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536		X		

## Signatures

Richard A. Meeusen  
 Attorney-in-fact  
 01/26/2005  
 \*\*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).
- (1) Shares sold pursuant to a 10b-5 Plan. Under the Plan, Mr. Forbes has agreed to sell 2,500 shares per month over a two-year period. This amount has been adjusted for the Company's 2-for-1 stock split as of 12/10/04.
- (2) Price reflects Company's 2-for-1 stock split as of 12/10/04.

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(3) Shares adjusted for 2-for-1 stock split as of 12/10/04.

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