

STOLLENWERK JOHN 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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
STOLLENWERK JOHN J

(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)  
02/17/2006

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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/17/2006		M	12,000 A \$ 7.4063	29,232 <sup>(1)</sup>	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)**

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 7.4063	02/17/2006		M	12,000	04/19/1997 04/19/2006	Common Stock	12,000
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/17/2006		A	38.226	08/08/1988 08/08/1988	Common Stock	38.226

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STOLLENWERK JOHN J 4545 W. BROWN DEER ROAD P.O. BOX 245036 MILWAUKEE, WI 53224-9536	X			

## Signatures

Richard A. Meeusen attorney-in-fact	02/20/2006
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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 that Mr. Stollenwerk owns directly, he and members of his family are beneficiaries of the Dorothy Stollenwerk Trust, for which he is a Trustee, which holds 5,082 shares of Badger Meter stock. Mr. Stollenwerk also has a deferred stock account for director fees in which he holds 8,283.49 phantom shares of Badger Meter stock.
- (2) Stock Options are granted on a one-for-one basis.
  - (3) Mr. Stollenwerk has options to acquire 3,200 additional shares of Common Stock at \$14.00/share over a ten-year period.
  - (4) The phantom stock units convert to Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis.
- The phantom stock units were accrued in Mr. Stollenwerk's Badger Meter, Inc. Director Deferred Compensation Plan account as payment for the \$1,500 Board of Directors meeting fee for attendance at the meeting held 2/17/06. The phantom units are computed at the 12/31/05 closing price of the Company's stock at 39.24/share.

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