

BADGER METER INC
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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 *
POLICANO ANDREW 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)
03/28/2006

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
				Code	V		
					Amount		
				(D)	Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code V				
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	03/28/2006	A	12.742 <u>(1)</u>	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock	12.742

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Richard A. Meeusen
attorney-in-fact
03/29/2006

__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).

Mr. Policano has elected to participate in the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors. He has elected to defer 50% of his fees in stock. The 12.742 phantom units represent half of the \$1,000 fee paid for his participation in the March 28, 2006 meeting of the Employee Benefit Plans Committee for which he is a member. The remaining 50% was put into a deferred cash account.
- (2) In addition to the phantom stock units accrued in Mr. Policano's deferred compensation account, he also owns 7,500 shares of Badger Meter, Inc. common stock.

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