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Instruction 1(b)

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Baker Peyton S.</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Babcock & Wilcox Co [BWC]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 13024 BALLANTYNE CORPORATE PLACE SUITE 700						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/05/2012								Officer below)	Officer (give title below) President - N		Other (specify below)			
(Street) CHARL(OTTE N	C state)	28277 (Zip)		4.	If Ame	endment,	Date of	of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
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								Code	v	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				Instr. 4)			
Common Stock 03/05)5/20	5/2012			М		1,247	A	\$0	12,	12,502		D				
Common Stock 03/0)5/20	5/2012			F		401	D	\$26.59	12,101			D				
Common Stock												1,1	1,170(1)			l01k Plan				
			Table II -								osed of, convertib			Owned						
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Y		rate, Transaction Code (Instr					6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		te of Securities		ies g e Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported	e Own s Forn lily Dire or In g (I) (II	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	ıble	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transacti (Instr. 4)	on(s)				
Restricted Stock Units	\$0	03/05/2012			A ⁽²⁾		4,005		(3)		03/05/2015	Common Stock	4,005	\$0	4,005	5	D			
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$26.59	03/05/2012			A ⁽⁴⁾		10,353		(5)		03/05/2019	Common Stock	10,353	\$0	10,353		10,353		D	
Restricted Stock	\$0	03/05/2012]	M ⁽⁶⁾			1,247	(7)		03/05/2012	Common	1,247	\$0	0		D			

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Based on number of units held in the BWC Thrift Plan and the fair market value of BWC common stock as of March 5, 2012.
- 2. Grant of restricted stock units pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan of The Babcock & Wilcox Company. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of BWC common stock.
- 3. RSUs vest in three equal annual installments beginning March 5, 2013.
- 4. Grant of stock options pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan of The Babcock & Wilcox Company.
- $5. \ Stock \ options \ vest \ in \ three \ equal \ annual \ installments \ beginning \ March \ 5, \ 2013.$
- 6. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of BWC common stock.
- $7.\ RSUs\ vest\ in\ three\ equal\ annual\ installments\ beginning\ March\ 5,\ 2010.$

Remarks:

Angela P. Winter, attorney-in-

03/07/2012

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** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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