Smith C. Dan Form 4 October 27, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Smith C. Dan			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
C/O ACUITY	BRANDS,	INC., 1170	10/25/2010	X Officer (give title Other (specify		
PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE			10,20,2010	below) below)		
2400	JOINELI,	(LSCIIL		SVP, Treasurer and Secretary		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		

ATLANTA, GA 30309

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
__ Form filed by More than One Reporting

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (1)	10/25/2010		A	2,640	A	\$ 0	17,397 (2)	D	
Common Stock (3)	10/25/2010		A	1,980	A	\$ 0	19,377 (4)	D	
Common Stock (5)	10/26/2010		F	195	D	\$ 50.34	19,182 <u>(6)</u>	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)

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 50.56	10/25/2010		A	3,930	<u>(8)</u>	10/24/2020	Common Stock	3,93
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 50.56	10/25/2010		A	2,950	<u>(8)</u>	10/24/2020	Common Stock	2,95

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Smith C. Dan C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			SVP, Treasurer and Secretary				

Signatures

C. Dan Smith 10/27/2010

**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) The shares being reported result from the award of restricted shares pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) The total direct shares owned includes 10,764 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (3) The shares being reported result from a discretionary award of restricted shares pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.

(4) The total direct shares owned includes 12,744 time-vesting restricted shares.

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- (5) The transaction(s) being reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- (6) The total direct shares owned includes 12,144 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (7) The shares being reported result from the award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (8) This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period.
- (9) The shares being reported result from a discretionary award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.

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