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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* CLENDENIN JOHN L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
					Director	10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2007		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
		SUITE 2400	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable				
(Street)				X	Form filed by One Repo	rting Person			
ATLANTA	GA	30309			Form filed by More than Person	One Reporting			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11311.4)
Common Stock	03/15/2007		М		1,170	A	\$33.1	4,470	D	

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. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non- Qualified Stock Option	\$33.1	03/15/2007		М			1,170	03/19/1998	03/18/2007	Common Stock	1,170	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

John L. Clendenin

03/16/2007

** 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).

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