FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MURPHY KENYON W					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]									Check	all app Dired		ıg Per	10% C	wner	
(Last) 1170 PEA SUITE 24		rst) (STREET, NE	Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/25/2004									X	Officer (give title below) Other (specibelow) Sr. Vice Pres. & Gen. Counsel				` '
(Street) ATLANT (City)			30309 (Zip)		4. If	Line										-7				
		Tabl	le I - Nor	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curiti	es Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, o	r Ben	efic	ially	Owne	ed			
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									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾				11/25	11/25/2004				A		1,405 ⁽²⁾ A		A	5	SO .	21,708			D	
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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. Transactior Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		•	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst and 4)		ıstr. 3	Deriv Secu	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	F C	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	,	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	of	mber						

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction includes 9,265 time-vesting restricted shares and 4 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.
- 2. Represents receipt of restricted shares awarded under the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan upon the achievement of specified performance target. The restricted shares will vest in annual installments in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Kenyon W. Murphy

11/29/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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