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* PARHAM JOSEPH G JR					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]									Check all a Dir		ng Person(s) to I			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/15/2004										X bel	ow) `	below an Resources			
(Street) ATLANT	TA GA		30309 (Zip)				4. If Amendment, Date 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			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D				Day/Year) Ex		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Di			Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, b)			nd Secu Bend Own	nount of irities eficially ed Following orted	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
										v	Amount		A) or D)	Price	Tran	saction(s) r. 3 and 4)		(11301. 4)	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾				11/15	15/2004				S		468		D	\$29	0.61	26,270	D		
Common Stock																312	I	by 401(k)	
	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)	rivative Conversion Date Execution Date, curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		str. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	or Nur of	ount mber ires					

Explanation of Responses:

1. The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction includes 18,237 time-vesting restricted shares and 1,174 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.

By: Jill A. Gilmer, as Power of

Attorney For: Joseph G. 12/02/2004

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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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