FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| Washington, | D.C. | 20549 |
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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 | p of Reporting blicable) ctor er (give title | 109 | o Issuer 6 Owner er (specify | |
|--|--|----------------------|---------------|---|---------|---|--|---|--------------------|--|-----------------|------|---------------|--|--|---|--|---|--------------|
| (Last) 1170 PEA SUITE 24 | | rst) (STREET, NE | Middle) | | 08/0 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/05/2005 | | | | | | | | X | Sr. | Vice Pres. & Gen. | | ow) nsel | |
| (Street) ATLANT (City) | | | 80309 Zip) | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/\ | | | | | | | | | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D | | | Date | ansaction hth/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | | 4 and Second Sec | | icially d Following | 6. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | of Indirect | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Pric | e | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (111501.4) |
| Common Stock | | | | 08/05/ | 05/2005 | | | | G | V | 408 | | D | \$0 | | 33,049 | | D | |
| Common Stock 08 | | | | 08/09/ | 9/2005 | | | | S | | 4 | | D | \$29.01 | | 33,045(1) | | D | |
| Common Stock | | | 08/05/ | 08/05/2005 | | | | I | | 1,020 | | D | \$29.02 | | 0 | | I | by 401(k) | |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 15 | I | by Son(s) |
| 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) 3. Transaction Date (Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | Date, | ransaction Code (Instr. | | of E | | 6. Date E. Expiratio (Month/D | n Date | е | Amount of | | | | | | Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr. | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | | | Expiration Date | Title | or Nun of | nber | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction include 18,791 time-vesting restricted shares.

Kenyon W. Murphy

08/09/2005

** 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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