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* WILLIAMS NEIL (Last) (First) (Middle) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400 (Street) ATLANTA GA 30309					3. E	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2004 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Neck all app X Direct Office below Individual cree) X Form Form				wner specify oplicable
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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 I if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transa Code (l				6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of		of G G Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Ownership Form: Direct (D)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		xpiration ate	Title	or Number of Shares					
Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	(2)	11/01/2004			Α		74		(3)		(3)	Common Stock	74	\$26.04	12,990		D	
Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	(2)	11/01/2004			A		224		(3)		(3)	Common Stock	224	\$26.04	13,214		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Stock Units are accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Unit Plan and are payable in cash upon retirement in either lump sum or five annual installments. Accruals include required and elective deferral of director fees and reinvestment of dividend equivalents. During the Reporting Period, dividends earned and fees paid to the Reporting Person resulted in an increase in the number of units held.
- 2. 1-for-1
- 3. Stock Units issued pursuant to the Plan are payable in cash upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments.

By: Jill A. Gilmer, as Power of Attorney For: Neil Williams 11/03/2004

** 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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