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*  NAGEL VERNON J  (Last) (First) (Middle)  1170 PEACHTREE STREET NE							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [ AYI ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/23/2014									S. Relationship of Reporting Check all applicable)  X Director  X Officer (give title below)  Chairman, Pres			0% Cother elow)	wner (specify
(Street) ATLANTA GA 30309  (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									S. 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-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day							ion 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			Dis	Oosed of, or Benefic 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				or 5. Am and 5) Secur Benet Owne		ount of ities icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
_						Code	v	Amount	(	(A) or (D)	Price		(Instr.	action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 10/23/2									F		3,834	_	D	\$133.54			3,871(2)	D		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 10/24/2									F		5,180		D	\$134.56 \$134.56		188,691 <sup>(3)</sup>		D	_	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 10/24/2									F		2,466					-		D		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 10/25/2							ve Securities Acqui			ione			\$134				D			
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ve   Conversion   Date or Exercise   (Month/Day/Year)   Execution Date		n Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		on Dat		or Nui of		Deri Sec (Ins		rice of vative urity r. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins	(D) rect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. \ The \ transaction (s) \ reported \ relate (s) \ to \ the \ vesting \ of \ restricted \ stock \ held \ by \ the \ reporting \ person.$
- 2. The total direct shares owned includes 67,393 time-vesting restricted shares.
- 3. The total direct shares owned includes 56,591 time-vesting restricted shares.
- 4. The total direct shares owned includes 51,449 time-vesting restricted shares.
- 5. The total direct shares owned includes 42,219 time-vesting restricted shares.

## Remarks:

Vernon J. Nagel

10/26/2014

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly \ or \ indirectly.$ 

- $^{\star}$  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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