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* CLENDENIN JOHN L (Last) (First) (Middle) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400 (Street) ATLANTA GA 30309						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2005 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					nplicable
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature															7. Nature					
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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)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day)	ate,	4. Transa Code (1 8)		of Deriv	rities lired r osed) r. 3, 4	Expir	6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			d 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Prio Deriva Secur (Instr.	itive ity		ly Ov Fo Dii or (I)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	e cisable		piration tte	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	(2)	02/01/2005			A		143			(3)		(3)	Common Stock	143	\$ <mark>26</mark> .	99	25,963		D	
Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	(2)	02/01/2005			A		991			(3)		(3)	Common Stock	991	\$26.	99	26,954		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.

John L. Clendenin 02/02/2005

** 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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