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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>REECE RICHARD K</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.</u> <u>1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400</u> (Street) <u>ATLANTA GA 30309</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP/Chief Financial Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/23/2012</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/23/2012		A		10,660	A	\$0	117,571 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	10/24/2012		M		13,500	A	\$26.44	131,071 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	10/24/2012		S		13,500	D	\$63.9	117,571 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock ⁽³⁾	10/24/2012		F		2,102	D	\$63.62	115,469 ⁽⁴⁾	D	
Common Stock ⁽³⁾	10/24/2012		F		1,682	D	\$63.62	113,787 ⁽⁵⁾	D	

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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option	\$26.44	10/24/2012		M			13,500	(6)	11/30/2015	Common Stock	13,500	\$0	20,506	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option ⁽⁷⁾	\$62.54	10/23/2012		A		14,930		(8)	10/22/2022	Common Stock	14,930	\$0	14,930	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The shares being reported result from the award of restricted shares pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- The total direct shares owned includes 57,482 time-vesting restricted shares.
- The transaction(s) being reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- The total direct shares owned includes 52,532 time-vesting restricted shares.
- The total direct shares owned includes 48,572 time-vesting restricted shares.
- This option vested in equal annual installments over a three-year period and was fully vested on December 1, 2008.
- The shares being reported result from the award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period.

Richard K. Reece 10/25/2012
 ** 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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