FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>REECE RICHARD K</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]								eck all appli Direct	cable)	g Perso	10% Owner	
	(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/11/2016) "	nanci	Other (specify below) nancial Officer	
(Street) ATLANTA GA 30309 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								e) X Form	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tab	le I - N	on-Deri	ivativ	e Sec	curit	ies Ac	quire	d, Di	sposed o	f, or Be	neficial	y Owned	l			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Date			Execution Date,		recution Date, any		ction Instr.	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an				es ially Following	Form:	: Direct (Indirect I str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
							Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 07/11/20				/2016	16			M		33,430	A	\$50.56	159,750(1)			D		
Common Stock 07/11/20			/2016)16		S		33,430	D	\$269.07	(2) 126	126,320(1)		D				
		-	Table II								posed of, convertil			Owned				
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. Transa Code (8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amor of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e S Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	isable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non- Qualified Stock	\$50.56	07/11/2016			M			33,430	(3))	10/24/2020	Common Stock	33,430	\$50.56	0		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The total direct shares owned includes $30,\!654$ time-vesting restricted shares.
- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$268.07 to \$270.82, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Acuity Brands, Inc., any security holder of Acuity Brands, Inc., or the staff of the Security and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.
- 3. This option vested ratably over a three-year period and became fully vested on October 25, 2013.

Remarks:

/s/ Richard K. Reece

07/11/2016

** 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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