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* PARHAM JOSEPH G JR					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]										Check al	tionship of Reporting all applicable) Director		10%		Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2004											Officer (give title below) SVP, Human Resources					
(Street) ATLANT (City)			30309 Zip)		4. If	Ame	Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								ine) X	Form	or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable on filed by One Reporting Person on filed by More than One Reporting on				
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da					ar)	Executi	A. Deemed xecution Date, any Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)						nd Se	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
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Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 09/30/3					/2004				Α		4,750(2)	A	\$0	(2)	24,399			D		
Common Stock															312			Ι	by 401(k)		
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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. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transactio Code (Inst 8)				Expi (Mor				Amo Secu Unde Deriv	Amo or Nun of	ount nber	8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. 5	ative rity	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction includes 18,237 time-vesting restricted shares and 1,167 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.
- 2. Issued upon the achievement of performance targets set forth in a Restricted Stock Award Agreement dated December 18, 2002, under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Shares remain restricted until November 30, 2005, and at that time are payable one-third in cash and two-thirds in shares.

<u>Joseph G. Parham, Jr.</u> <u>10/02/2004</u>

** 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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