SEC Form 4

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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[*]	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Smith C. Dan	ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]	Director / 10% Owner

(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	X Officer (give title below) / Other (specify below)
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400	10/24/2009	VP, Treasurer and Secretary

(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
ATLANTA GA 30309		X Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		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]	10/24/2009		F		304	D	$34.04	13,469[2]	D	
Common Stock[3]	10/26/2009		A		2,400	A	$0	15,869[4]	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				
Non-Qualified Stock Option[5]	$33.49	10/26/2009		A		3,550		[6]	10/25/2019	Common Stock	3,550	$0	3,550	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The transaction(s) being reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.

2. The total direct shares owned includes 9,012 time-vesting restricted shares.

3. The shares being reported result from a discretionary award of restricted shares pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.

4. The total direct shares owned includes 11,412 time-vesting restricted shares.

5. The shares being reported result from a discretionary award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.

6. This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period.

C. Dan Smith	10/27/2009
** 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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