FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*   |  |        |              |          |           | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [ AYI ] |  |  |   |                         |                                      |                       |            |                        | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |   |                       |                     |   |  |  |
| REECE RICHARD K  |  |        |              |          |           | [                                      |  |  |   |                         |                                      |                       |            |                        |   | Direc   | ctor                  |                     | 10% C   | wner                                   |  |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle)  |  |        |              |          |           |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) |  |   |                         |                                      |                       |            |                        |   | belov   | ,                     |                     | below)  |  |  |
| C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.  |  |        |              |          |           | 10/24/2010   |  |  |   |                         |                                      |                       |            |                        | EVP/Chief Financial Officer   |   |                       |                     |   |  |  |
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| 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400  |  |        |              |          | -         |  |  |  |   |                         |                                      |                       |            |                        |   |   |                       |                     |   |  |  |
|  |  |        |              |          | .   4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                     |  |  |   |                         |                                      |                       |            |                        | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable                   |   |                       |                     |   |  |  |
| (Street)   |  |        |              |          |           |  |  |  |   |                         |                                      |                       |            |                        | Line)   |   |                       |                     |   |  |  |
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| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |  |        |              |          |           |  |  |  |   |                         |                                      |                       |            |                        |   |   |                       |                     |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of S  | Security (Inst                               | r. 3)  |              | 2. Trans | action    |  | 2A. Deen   | ned                                    | 3.  |                         | 4. Securit                           |                       |            |                        |   |   |                       | 6. Ownership        |   | 7. Nature                              |  |
| Date<br>(Month/Da  |  |        |              |          | Day/Ves   |  | Executio<br>if any                               | ecution Date,<br>any<br>onth/Day/Year) |   | Code (Instr.   5)       |                                      | d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |            |                        | Benefi<br>Owner   |   |                       |                     | Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |
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|  |  |        |              |          |           |  |  |  |   | 1                       |                                      |                       | (A) or Dri |                        | Repo  |   | ted<br>action(s)      |                     |   | (Instr. 4)                             |  |
|  |  |        |              |          |           |  |  |  | Code  | V                       | Amount                               |                       | (D)        | Price                  |   | (Instr. 3 and 4)                                |                       |                     |   |  |  |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 10/24/   |  |        |              |          |           | )  |  |  |   |                         | 1,607                                | , T                   | D \$50     |                        | ).53 79,292 <sup>(2)</sup>  |   | ),292 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D                   | )   |  |  |
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| 1. Title of 2. 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 4   |  |        |              |          |           |  | I. 5. Number                                     |  |   |                         | 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and |                       |            |                        |   | ice of  | 9. Number o           | f 10.               | 10.   | 11. Nature                             |  |
| Derivative   | Conversion                                   | Date   | Execution    |          | Transa    | Transaction  |  | n of                                   |   | Expiration Date         |                                      |                       | Amount of  |                        | Derivative  |   | derivative            | Own                 | Ownership   | of Indirect                            |  |
| Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | str. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative |        |              |          |           | (Instr. Derivative Securities  |  |  | (Month/Day/Year) Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative |                         |                                      |                       |            | Security<br>(Instr. 5) |   | Securities<br>Beneficially                      |                       | Form:<br>Direct (D) | Beneficial<br>Ownership                           |  |  |
| (,   |  |        |              |          |           |  | Acquired   |  |   |                         |                                      |                       |            |                        |   | Owned   |                       | direct              | (Instr. 4)  |  |  |
|  | Security                                     |        |              |          |           | (A) or<br>Disposed   |  |  |   | Security (Instr. and 4) |                                      |                       |            | str. 3                 |   |   | Following<br>Reported | (1) (11             | 1str. 4)  |  |  |
|  |  |        |              |          |           |  | of (D  | of (D)                                 |   | 4,                      |                                      |                       |            |                        |   |   | Transaction           | (s)                 |   |  |  |
|  |  |        |              |          |           |  | (Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5)                           |  |   |                         |                                      |                       |            |                        | (Instr. 4)  |   |                       |                     |   |  |  |
|  |  |        |              | ŀ        |           |  |  | ,                                      |   |                         |                                      | -                     | Τ.         |                        |   |   |                       |                     |   |  |  |
|  |  |        |              |          |           |  |  |  |   |                         |                                      |                       | Amount or  |                        |   |   |                       |                     |   |  |  |
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|  |  |        |              |          | Code      |  | (A)  | (D)                                    | Date<br>Exercisa  |                         | Expiration<br>Date                   | Title                 | of<br>Sha  | ares                   |   |   |                       |                     |   |  |  |

## 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 38,850 time-vesting restricted shares.

<u>Richard K. Reece</u> <u>10/26/2010</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).
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