#### **ACUITY BRANDS INC**

Form 4

August 21, 2007

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MURPHY KENYON W Issuer Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner \_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, 08/17/2007 below) NE, SUITE 2400 EVP, CAO & General Counsel (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ATLANTA, GA 30309 Person

(City)	(State) (	Zip) Table	e I - No	n-De	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr.	8)	(D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/20/2006		G	V	240	D	\$ 0	44,320	D	
Common Stock	08/17/2007		S		10,000 (1)	D	\$ 58	34,320 (2)	D	
Common Stock								15	I	by Son(s)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MURPHY KENYON W 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309

EVP, CAO & General Counsel

### **Signatures**

Kenyon W. 08/21/2007 Murphy

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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).
- (1) The sale transactions reported in this Form 4 are being made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan dated Aguust 16, 2007.
- (2) The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions include 22,856 time-vesting restricted shares.

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