#### **ACUITY BRANDS INC**

Form 4

October 27, 2009

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Black Mark A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zin)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

10/24/2009

Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title below) EVP- Customer Enabling Team Ld

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400

(Street)

(State)

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

(City)

(City)	(State)	Table	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securin(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock (1)	10/24/2009		F	1,014	D	\$ 34.04	46,247 (2)	D		
Common Stock (3)	10/26/2009		A	9,950	A	\$0	56,197 <u>(4)</u>	D		

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

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# 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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 33.49	10/26/2009		A	14,900	<u>(6)</u>	10/25/2019	Common Stock	14,9

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Black Mark A C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309

EVP- Customer Enabling Team Ld

## **Signatures**

Mark A. Black 10/27/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **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 transaction(s) being reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- (2) The total direct shares owned includes 32,600 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 42,550 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.

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