#### **ACUITY BRANDS INC**

Form 4 April 25, 2016

## FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NAGEL VERNON J |          |          | 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)                             |  |  |
|--|----------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| (Last)   | (First)  | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction  | (Check all applicable)   |  |  |
| 1170 PEACHTREE STREET<br>NE, SUITE 2300                  |          |          | (Month/Day/Year)<br>04/22/2016   | _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chairman, President, and CEO   |  |  |
| (Street)   |          |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  |  |  |
| ATLANTA,   | GA 30309 |          | Filed(Month/Day/Year)  | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tab   | le I - Non-l                            | Derivative                             | Secur | ities Acqui         | red, Disposed of,  | or Beneficial  | ly Owned  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|-------|---------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securit<br>cor Dispos<br>(Instr. 3, | ed of | 5)                  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 04/22/2016                              |   | Code V<br>M                             | Amount 27,995                          | (D)   | Price \$ 46.29      | 228,200 (1)  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 04/22/2016                              |   | S                                       | 27,995                                 | D     | \$<br>256.18<br>(2) | 200,205 (1)  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 04/22/2016                              |   | M                                       | 20,000                                 | A     | \$ 50.56            | 220,205 (1)  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 04/22/2016                              |   | S                                       | 20,000                                 | D     | \$<br>256.18        | 200,205 (1)  | D  |   |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | erivative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) cquired (A) Disposed of O) nstr. 3, 4, |                    | 7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) |                           |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------|--|---------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of Sh |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option                       | \$ 46.29  | 04/22/2016                              |   | M                                      | 27,995  | (3)   | 10/23/2021         | Common<br>Stock  | 27,9                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option                          | \$ 50.56  | 04/22/2016                              |   | M                                      | 20,000  | <u>(4)</u>  | 10/24/2020         | Common<br>Stock  | 20,0                      |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                              |       |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Troporting of the France of th | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |  |  |  |
| NAGEL VERNON J<br>1170 PEACHTREE STREET NE<br>SUITE 2300<br>ATLANTA, GA 30309  | X             |           | Chairman, President, and CEO |       |  |  |  |

# **Signatures**

/s/ Vernon J.
Nagel

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

O4/25/2016

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 total direct shares owned includes 46,119 time-vesting restricted shares.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$255.75 to \$256.22, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Acuity Brands, Inc., any security holder of Acuity Brands,

Inc., or the staff of the Security and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.

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- (3) This option vested ratably over a three-year period and became fully vested on October 24, 2014.
- (4) This option vested ratably over a three-year period and became fully vested on October 25, 2013.

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