

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MURPHY KENYON W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/10/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, CAO and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/10/2007		M	500 A \$ 23.69	33,496	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		S	500 D \$ 51.04	32,996	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		M	3,133 A \$ 31.99	36,129	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		S	3,133 D \$ 51.01	32,996	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		M	800 A \$ 23.69	33,796	D	

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Common Stock	10/10/2007	M	2,200	A	\$ 23.69	35,996	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007	M	8,767	A	\$ 23.69	44,763	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007	M	400	A	\$ 23.69	45,163	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007	M	2,867	A	\$ 31.99	48,030	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007	S	800	D	\$ 51.03	47,230	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007	S	2,200	D	\$ 51.02	45,030	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007	S	8,767	D	\$ 51.01	36,263	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007	S	400	D	\$ 51	35,863	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007	S	2,867	D	\$ 51	32,996 <sup>(1)</sup>	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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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 23.69	10/10/2007		M	500	<u>(2)</u>	12/17/2013	Common Stock	500

Employee Stock Option	\$ 23.69	10/10/2007	M	800	(2)	12/17/2013	Common Stock	800
Employee Stock Option	\$ 23.69	10/10/2007	M	2,200	(2)	12/17/2013	Common Stock	2,200
Employee Stock Option	\$ 23.69	10/10/2007	M	8,767	(2)	12/17/2013	Common Stock	8,767
Employee Stock Option	\$ 23.69	10/10/2007	M	400	(2)	12/17/2013	Common Stock	400
Employee Stock Option	\$ 31.99	10/10/2007	M	3,133	(3)	11/30/2015	Common Stock	3,133
Employee Stock Option	\$ 31.99	10/10/2007	M	2,867	(3)	11/30/2015	Common Stock	2,867

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MURPHY KENYON W C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			EVP, CAO and General Counsel	

## Signatures

Kenyon W. Murphy  
10/12/2007

\*\*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 total direct shares owned following the reported transactions include 19,106 time-vesting restricted shares.
  - (2) This option granted pursuant to the Issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan, vests in equal annual installments over a three year period, and became fully vested on December 18, 2006.
  - (3) This option was granted pursuant to the Issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan, will vest in equal annual installments over a three year period, and will become fully vested on December 1, 2008.

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