

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
REECE RICHARD K

(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)  
10/25/2010

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/Chief Financial Officer

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/25/2010		A		14,500	A	\$ 0
Common Stock <u>(3)</u>	10/25/2010		A		7,910	A	\$ 0
Common Stock <u>(5)</u>	10/26/2010		F		1,132	D	\$ 50.34
							93,792 <u>(2)</u>
							101,702 <u>(4)</u>
							100,570 <u>(6)</u>

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

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- (5) The transaction(s) being reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- (6) The total direct shares owned includes 57,772 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (7) The shares being reported result from the award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (8) This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period.
- (9) The shares being reported result from a discretionary award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.

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