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Form 5 obligatio may cont <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	ns Section 17(a	a) of the l	Public U		ding Com	ipany	Act of	e Act of 1934, 1935 or Sectior 0	1		
(Print or Type I	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> REECE RICHARD K			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (N	(liddle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Check all app						c all applicable)	
C/O ACUIT	TY BRANDS, INC EE STREET, NES	C., 1170	(Month/E) 10/25/2	Day/Year)	ansaction			Director X Officer (give below) EVP/Chie		Owner er (specify ficer	
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person					
ATLANTA	, GA 30309							Form filed by M Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-D	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	curitiesOwnershipneficiallyForm: Directned(D) orlowingIndirect (I)ported(Instr. 4)				
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock (1)	10/25/2010			А	14,500	А	\$0	93,792 <u>(2)</u>	D		
Common Stock (3)	10/25/2010			А	7,910	А	\$0	101,702 (4)	D		
Common Stock (5)	10/26/2010			F	1,132	D	\$ 50.34	100,570 <u>(6)</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. Transactio 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	\$ 50.56	10/25/2010		А	21,630	(8)	10/24/2020	Common Stock	21,6
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 50.56	10/25/2010		А	11,800	(8)	10/24/2020	Common Stock	11,8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting of their funce, fruitess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
REECE RICHARD K C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			EVP/Chief Financial Officer				
Signatures							
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**Signature of

Richard K. 10/27/2010 Reece

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).
- The shares being reported result from the award of restricted shares pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan. (1)
- The total direct shares owned includes 53,350 time-vesting restricted shares. (2)
- The shares being reported result from a discretionary award of restricted shares pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive (3) Plan.
- (4) The total direct shares owned includes 61,260 time-vesting restricted shares.

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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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