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(Print or Type Respo	nses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> NORTH JULIA B			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(1 +)	(Einst)						(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2007			X Director Officer (giv below)		% Owner her (specify			
(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 More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
	ansaction Date hth/Day/Year)	2A. Deema Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, Amount	(A) or of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Reminder: Report on	n a separate line	e for each cla	ass of sec	urities bene	eficially ow	ned directly	or indirectly.				
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	Tab					sposed of, or convertible	Beneficially Owner securities)	đ			

1. Title of<br/>Derivative2.3. Transaction Date3A. Deemed4.5. Number6. Date Exercisable and<br/>Expiration Date7. Title and Amount of<br/>Underlying Securities8. Pric<br/>Derivative

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	) Acquire (A) or Dispose (D)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	V (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units (1)	(2)	11/01/2007		А	367		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	367	\$ 44.
Stock Units (4)	<u>(2)</u>	11/01/2007		А	2,858		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	2,858	\$ 36.

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NORTH JULIA B C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309		Х					
Signatures							
Julia B. North	1/04/2007						

<u>\*\*</u>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).

Stock Units are accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan (formerly known as the Nonemployee Directors' Stock Unit Plan) and are payable in shares upon retirement in either lump sum or five annual installments. Accruals include

- (1) Directors block offit rule) and are payable in shares upon retrictinent in entire rule rule and of required and elective deferral of director fees. During the Reporting Period, fees paid to the Reporting Person resulted in an increase in the number of units held.
- (2) 1-for-1
- (3) Stock Units issued pursuant to the Plan are payable in common shares upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments.
- (4) Represents an increase in stock units held in the Acuity Brands, Inc. Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan to adjust for the change in unit value resulting from the spin-off of Zep Inc. from Acuity Brands, Inc. on October 31, 2007.

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