ACUITY BRANDS INC

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * REECE RICHARD K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

(Check all applicable)

EVP/Chief Financial Officer

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

04/06/2009

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

(Street)

2400

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

\$0

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(D) Code V Amount Price

Common Stock (1)

(Instr. 3)

04/06/2009

A 9.000 Α

 $74,992 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$

D

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amour	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative		Expiration Date		Underlying Securit	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	urities (Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A)				
	Derivative				or Disposed of	•			
	Security				(D)				
					(Instr. 3, 4,				
					and 5)				
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num
				Code V	(A) (D)				of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.86	04/06/2009		A	18,000	(3)	04/06/2019	Common Stock	18,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

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

Richard K. 04/07/2009

**Signature of 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).
- (1) The shares being reported result from the award of restricted shares pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) The total direct shares owned includes 54,925 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (3) This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period.

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