ACUITY BRANDS INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Quick Jeremy M Issuer Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 10/24/2009 below) PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE Executive Vice President & CFO 2400 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	,	
Common Stock (1)	10/24/2009		F	847	D	\$ 34.04	33,435 (2)	D	
Common Stock (3)	10/26/2009		A	3,400	A	\$ 0	36,835 <u>(4)</u>	D	

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

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number complete 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 33.49	10/26/2009		A	5,050	<u>(6)</u>	10/25/2019	Common Stock	5,05

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Quick Jeremy M C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309

Executive Vice President & CFO

Signatures

Jeremy M. 0uick 10/27/2009

**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 transaction(s) being reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- (2) The total direct shares owned includes 20,287 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (3) The shares being reported result from a discretionary award of restricted shares pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (4) The total direct shares owned includes 23,687 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (5) The shares being reported result from a discretionary award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (6) This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period.

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