#### **ACUITY BRANDS INC**

Form 4

October 18, 2010

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **ROBINSON RAY M** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

10/14/2010

X\_ Director

10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400

(Street)

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zin)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

(Check all applicable)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City)	(State) (	Table Table	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securit n(A) or Di		•	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Reported			
					or		Transaction(s)			
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	10/14/2010		M	2,123	A	\$ 15.92	3,123	D		
Common Stock	10/14/2010		S	2,123	D	\$ 49.1 (1)	1,000	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if						
Security	or Exercise		any Code		Securities				
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired				
	Derivative				(A) or				
	Security				Disposed of				
	-				(D)				
					(Instr. 3, 4,				
					and 5)				
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						Date	Expiration	T:41-	or
						Exercisable	Date	Title	Numbe
				C-1- V	(A) (D)				of
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares
Non-Qualified								Common	
Stock Option	\$ 15.92	10/14/2010		M	2,123	(2)	12/20/2010	Stock	2,12
Stock Option								SIUCK	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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



## **Signatures**

Ray M. 10/18/2010 Robinson

\*\*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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$49.09 to \$49.11, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Acuity Brands, Inc., any security holder of Acuity Brands, Inc, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.
- This stock option previously represented the right to purchase 1,755 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$19.27.

  The stock option was converted to the right to purchase 2,123 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$15.92 effective with the spin-off of the Issuer's specialty chemical business on October 31, 2007. The original option agreement was granted on December 21, 2000 and became fully vested on December 21, 2001.

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