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February 03, 20								OMB A	PPROVAL		
FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549									3235-0287		
Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). TATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940									January 31, 2005 average urs per . 0.5		
(Print or Type Resp	oonses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Guynn George C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) C/O ACUITY I PEACHTREE 2400	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2011				(Check all applicable) <u>X</u> Director Officer (give title 10% Owner below) below)						
ATLANTA, G	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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tat	ole I - Non-l	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned		
	Transaction Date	Execution any	ed Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	ies (A) or of (D)		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect		
Reminder: Report o	on a separate lind	e for each cl	ass of sec	eurities bene	Perso inforn requir	ns who res nation cont red to respo nys a curren	or indirectly. spond to the colle ained in this form ond unless the fo ntly valid OMB co	n are not rm	SEC 1474 (9-02)		
	Tab					posed of, or convertible s	Beneficially Owner securities)	1			

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4. 5. N	umber	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price c
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactionof		Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Derivativ

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu (A) of Disp of (I	rities nired or osed D) r. 3, 4,	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	02/01/2011		А	296	•	(1)	(3)	Common Stock	296	\$ 54.8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
I O O O O O O O O O O				Officer	Other		
Guynn George C C/O ACUITY BRANDS, IN 1170 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30309		Х					
Signatures							
George C. Guynn	02/03/2011						

**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) 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.

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