### PARHAM JOSEPH G JR

Form 4

January 24, 2006

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* PARHAM JOSEPH G JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

Symbol

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 01/20/2006

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title

below)

SVP, Human Resources

PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400

(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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City)	(State)	(Zip) <b>Tabl</b>	le I - Non-D	<b>D</b> erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (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)	01/20/2006		F	169	D	\$ 36.05	41,832 (2)	D	
Common Stock							320	I	by 401(k)

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)

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Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	ionNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	J
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	]
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					Disposed						-
					of (D)						(
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					4, and 5)						
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						Date	Expiration	Title	or Number		
						Exercisable	e Date		of		
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
PARHAM JOSEPH G JR C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.			SVP,			
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400			Human			
ATLANTA CA 20200			Resources			

# **Signatures**

ATLANTA, GA 30309

By: Jill A. Gilmer, under Power of Attorney For: Joseph G.
Parham
01/24/2006

\*\*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).
- (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 following the reported transaction includes 21,209 time-vesting restricted shares and 1,200 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.

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