Guynn George C Form 4 November 02, 2010

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Guynn George C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X\_ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year) Officer (give title 11/01/2010 below)

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

(Street)

(First)

2400

(Instr. 3)

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

ATLANTA, GA 30309

Derivative Conversion

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

3. (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

Transactionof

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** 

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price of Underlying Securities Derivative

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| Security<br>(Instr. 3) | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (M         | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |     | (Month/Day/Year)    |                    | (Instr. 3 and 4) |  | Security<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------|---|------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|-----|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|------------------------|
|                        |   |            |                         | Code V          | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title            | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                        |
| Stock Units (1)        | <u>(2)</u>  | 11/01/2010 |                         | A               | 324   |     | <u>(1)</u>          | (3)                | Common<br>Stock  | 324                                    | \$ 50.24               |

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Guynn George C C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309

### **Signatures**

George C. 11/02/2010 Guynn

\*\*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).

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- 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 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. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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