

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
Form 4  
November 05, 2007

**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT 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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NORTH JULIA B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/01/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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 Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Deriva
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 8)		
Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	11/01/2007	A	367	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	367	\$ 44.
Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	11/01/2007	A	2,858	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	2,858	\$ 36.

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NORTH JULIA B  
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.  
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400  
ATLANTA, GA 30309

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## Signatures

Julia B. North 11/04/2007

    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) 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.

(4) Represents an increase in stock units held in the Acuity Brands, Inc. Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan to adjust for the change in unit value resulting from the spin-off of Zep Inc. from Acuity Brands, Inc. on October 31, 2007.

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