

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
MURPHY	KENYON	W.	ACUITY BRANDS, INC. (AYI)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify title below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year		
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400						11/01/2002		
(Street)						5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		
ATLANTA	GEORGIA	30309				7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (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 at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK							2,712 (FN 1)	D	
COMMON STOCK							1,271	I	401(k)
COMMON STOCK							15	I	By Sons

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially directly or indirectly.
*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

FORM 4 (continued)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTIONS								
STOCK UNITS (FN 3)	1 for 1	11/1/2002*	A		12 (FN 3)		(FN 3)	(FN 3)

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock			177,463 (FN 2)	D	
Common Stock	12		1,017 (FN 3)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

* Deemed Transaction Date is the same as Transaction Date.

FN 1. Includes 900 performance-based, time-vesting restricted shares and 451 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.

FN 2. Represents total stock options held at various exercise prices and grant dates as of the Reporting Date.

FN 3. Stock Units held in Acuity Brands Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan that will be paid in cash according to the plan's provisions. During the period reported, dividends paid resulted in an increase of 12 stock units at a valuation price of \$12.35.

/s/ Kenyon W. Murphy

11/5/02

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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