

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)		
WILLIAMS NEIL			ACUITY BRANDS, INC. (AYI)			[X] Director [] 10% Owner		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year		
						[] Officer (give [] Other (specify title below)		
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400						12/19/2002		
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
ATLANTA	GEORGIA	30309				[X] Form filed by One Reporting Person [] 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						1,000	D	

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).

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
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (FN 1)	\$14.95	12/19/02*	A		1,500	12/19/03	12/18/12
STOCK UNIT	1 for 1						

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)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Title	Amount or Number of		(Instr. 4)	

	Shares				
Common Stock	1,500		15,010 (FN 2)	D	
Common Stock			9,051 (FN 3)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

* Deemed Transaction Date is the same as Transaction Date.

FN 1. Award granted pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan. Option becomes exercisable one year from the date of grant and remains outstanding for ten years from the date of grant.

FN 2. Represents the total number of Director Stock Options held at various exercise prices and grant dates as of the Reporting Date.

FN 3. Stock Units are accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Unit Plan and are payable in cash upon retirement. Accruals include an annual grant, required and elective deferral of director fees and reinvestment of dividend equivalents. Represents the total number of units held as of the Reporting Date.

/s/ Neil Williams

** Signature of Reporting Person

12/20/2003

Date

** 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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