

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)		
NORTH	JULIA	B.	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		
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400						[] Officer (give [] Other (specify title below)		
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) [X] Form filed by One Reporting Person [] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
ATLANTA	GEORGIA	30309						
(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).

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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 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
STOCK UNITS (FN 1)	1 FOR 1							
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (FN 2)	\$14.95	12/19/02*	A		1,500		12/19/03	12/18/12

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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(Instr. 3 and 4)		Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
COMMON STOCK		2,371 (FN 1)	D	
COMMON STOCK	1,500	1,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

* Deemed Transaction Date is the same as Transaction Date.

FN 1. 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 stock units held as of the Reporting Date.

FN 2. Annual non-qualified option grant issued pursuant to the terms set forth in the Acuity Brands, Inc. Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan.

/s/ Julia B. North

 ** Signature of Reporting Person

12/20/2002

 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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