FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MURPHY KENYON W						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]										heck all E	onship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owne Officer (give title Other (spec			vner		
(Last) 1170 PE. SUITE 2	ACHTREE	irst) STREET, NE	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/07/2004											elow	elow) below) 6r. Vice Pres. & Gen. Counsel				
(Street) ATLAN			30309 (Zip)		4. 11	f Ame	endment,	Date	of O	Original I	-iled	(Month/D	ay/Ye	ar)	6. Lir	ne) <mark>X</mark> F F	orm	filed by On	e Rep	g (Check Ap orting Perso n One Repo	n	
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ar) i	2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr.			4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3,				5. d Se Be	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
										Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Tra	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾			06/07	07/2004					D		8,248	(2)	D	\$2	6		9,348		D			
Common Stock																1,006				by 401(k)		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Num of Deriva Securi Acquii (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. and 5)	Exp	Date Exe piration onth/Day	Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)			Deriva Secur	B. Price of Derivative Gecurity Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly C	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Dat Exe	te ercisable		xpiration ate	Title		Amount or Number of Shares	1 1						
Stock	(3)	06/07/2004			Α		8.248			(4)		(4)	Com	mon	8 248	\$2	6	14,178	,	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction includes 5,485 time-vesting restricted shares and 530 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.
- 2. As set forth in a Restricted Stock Award Agreement dated December 18, 2003, the Reporting Insider has elected to defer all or a portion of the Restricted Shares awarded into the Acuity Brands Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan.
- 3. 1-for-1
- 4. Stock Units are payable in cash according to the provisions of the Plan.

<u>Kenyon W. Murphy</u> <u>06/08/2004</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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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