#### WITTICH WESLEY E

Form 4

January 21, 2005

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue.

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* WITTICH WESLEY E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

(Check all applicable)

below)

SVP, Audit & Risk Mgmt.

Issuer

below)

01/19/2005

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

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ATLANTA, 2O 30309

(City)	(State)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)				5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect		
(Instr. 3)	•	any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned Following Reported	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)			
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	01/19/2005		F	69	D	\$ 28.16	43,663	D		
Common Stock (1)	01/20/2005		F	81	D	\$ 27.72	43,582	D		

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				C + V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WITTICH WESLEY E C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET NE SUITE 2400 ATLANTA, 2Q 30309

SVP, Audit & Risk Mgmt.

## **Signatures**

Jill A. Gilmer, as Power of Attorney for Wesley E. Wittich

01/21/2005

\*\*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) The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction(s) includes 19,199 time-vesting restricted shares.

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