ACUITY BRANDS INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MURPHY KENYON W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/20/2007

X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170

PEACHTREE STREET. NESUITE

(Street)

(State)

2400

below) EVP, CAO & General Counsel

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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Person

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

ATLANTA, GA 30309

4. Securities Acquired 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) Common 01/20/2007 F D $44,560^{(2)}$ 113 D Stock (1) 57.07

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		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate Amou		nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secur
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Derivative		e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date Expiration Exercisable Date	Expiration	Title	or		
							*		Number		
							Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

MURPHY KENYON W C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309

EVP, CAO & General Counsel

Signatures

Kenyon W. 01/23/2007 Murphy

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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 transaction(s) being reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- (2) The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions include 22,856 time-vesting restricted shares.

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