#### **ACUITY BRANDS INC**

Form 4

January 23, 2007

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* PARHAM JOSEPH G JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

Issuer

below)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/20/2007

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

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170

SVP, Human Resources

PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400

(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

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock (1)	01/20/2007		Code V F	Amount 169	(D)	Price \$ 57.07	29,818	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2007		M	42,520	A	\$ 16.5	72,338	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2007		M	42,223	A	\$ 23.69	114,561	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2007		M	3,667	A	\$ 31.99	118,228	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2007		S	400	D	\$ 56.9	117,828	D	

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Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	5,800	D	\$ 56.91	112,028	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	5,300	D	\$ 56.92	106,728	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	2,600	D	\$ 56.93	104,128	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	4,700	D	\$ 56.94	99,428	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	4,000	D	\$ 56.95	95,428	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	2,700	D	\$ 56.96	92,728	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	4,964	D	\$ 56.97	87,764	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	12,300	D	\$ 56.98	75,464	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	3,400	D	\$ 56.99	72,064	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	17,800	D	\$ 57	54,264	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	11,000	D	\$ 57.01	43,264	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	5,300	D	\$ 57.02	37,964	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	3,800	D	\$ 57.03	34,164	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	3,400	D	\$ 57.04	30,764	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	2,400	D	\$ 57.05	28,364	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	900	D	\$ 57.06	27,464	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	1,300	D	\$ 57.07	26,164	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	500	D	\$ 57.08	25,664	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	100	D	\$ 57.09	25,564	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007	S	600	D	\$ 57.1	24,964	D
	01/22/2007	S	200	D		24,764 (2)	D

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Common	\$
Stock	57.14

Common Stock 195 I by 401(k)

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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	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)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/22/2007		M	42,520	(3)	10/23/2010	Common Stock	42,520
Employee Stock Option	\$ 23.69	01/22/2007		M	42,223	<u>(4)</u>	12/17/2013	Common Stock	42,223
Employee Stock Option	\$ 31.99	01/22/2007		M	3,667	<u>(5)</u>	01/30/2015	Common Stock	3,667

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PARHAM JOSEPH G JR C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			SVP, Human Resources				

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## **Signatures**

By: Jill A. Gilmer, under Power of Attorney For: Joseph G. Parham

01/23/2007

\*\*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 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 transaction includes 12,000 time-vesting restricted shares and 1,217 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.
- (3) This option vested in equal annual installments over a four-year period and was fully vested on October 24, 2004.
- (4) This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period and will become fully vested on December 18, 2006.
- (5) This option was granted pursuant to the Issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan, will vest in equal annual installments over a three year period, and will become fully vested on December 1, 2008.

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