ACUITY BRANDS INC

Form 4

October 25, 2013

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * REECE RICHARD K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

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

10/23/2013

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

X_ Officer (give title below)

EVP/Chief Financial Officer

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zin)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Issuer

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D) 5)	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)	10/24/2013		Code V A	Amount 6,428	(D)	Price \$ 0	115,621 (2)	D	
Common Stock (3)	10/23/2013		F	1,278	D	\$ 103.5	114,343 (4)	D	
Common Stock (3)	10/24/2013		F	1,899	D	\$ 103.74	112,444 (5)	D	

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

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5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amount

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 103.74	10/24/2013		A	9,700	<u>(7)</u>	10/23/2023	Common Stock	9,70

Reporting Owners

2.

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

REECE RICHARD K C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300 ATLANTA, GA 30309

EVP/Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

1. Title of

Richard K. 10/25/2013

**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 shares being reported result from the award of restricted stock pursuant to the 2012 Omnibus Stock Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (2) The total direct shares owned includes 43,660 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (3) The transaction(s) reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- (4) The total direct shares owned includes 40,995 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (5) The total direct shares owned includes 37,035 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (6) The shares being reported result from the award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the 2012 Omnibus Stock Incentive Compensation Plan.

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(7) This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period.

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