

ACUITY BRANDS INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/16/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
EVP, CAO & General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/16/2006 | | M | | 1,284 A \$ 23.65 | 59,900 | D |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/16/2006 | | S | | 1,284 D \$ 49.85 | 58,616 | D |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/16/2006 | | M | | 9,556 A \$ 23.69 | 68,172 | D |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/16/2006 | | S | | 9,556 D \$ 49.85 | 58,616 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 15 | I by Son(s) |

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- (2) The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions include 29,510 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (3) This option vested in equal annual installments over a four-year period and was fully vested on January 5, 2004.
- (4) This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period and will become fully vested on December 18, 2006.

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