FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MURPHY KENYON W						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]									(Check all ap		olicable)	g Person(s) to I	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/30/2003									X Officer (give title below) Sr. Vice Pres.			Other (specify below) & Gen. Counsel		
(Street) ATLANTA GA 30309 (City) (State) (Zip)				- 4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Indiv Line) X	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable 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. Transac Date (Month/Da						ar) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)				Secur Benef Owne	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Pric	e	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 11/29					/2003				A		1,405(1	1)	A		\$0		8,834	D	
Common Stock 11/3					/30/2003				F		771		D	\$2	\$23.85		8,063	D	
Common Stock ⁽²⁾ 11/30				/2003						20		D	D \$23.85		8,043		D		
Common Stock																	993	I	by 401(k)
Common Stock															15		I	by Son(s)	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
L. Title of Derivative Security Price of Derivative Security Instr. 3) A. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			Date, Transaction Code (Ins			on of		6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	n Dat		Am Sec Und Der Sec	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)					Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents receipt of restricted shares awarded under the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan upon the achievement of specified performance target. The restricted shares will vest in annual installments in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
- 2. The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions includes 4,380 time-vesting restricted shares.

12/02/2003 Kenyon W. Murphy

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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