FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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					or	Section	on 30(h)) of the	Inve	estment (Com	pany Ac	t of 1940)							
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MURPHY KENYON W						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]										neck all a Di	tionship of Reporting P all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) Sr. Vice Pres. & (son(s) to Iss 10% Ov Other (s	wner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2004										A be				below)	
(Street) ATLANTA GA 30309 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) 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																				
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									(Code V		Amount	t (/	(A) or (D) Price		Transa		ction(s) 3 and 4)			
	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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,		Transaction Code (Instr.				ate Exerc iration D nth/Day/\	ate	Amount of		nt of ties ying tive Se		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	(2)	02/02/2004			A		36			(3)		(3)	Commo		36	\$24.3	1	5,895		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Stock Units held in Acuity Brands' Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan (the "Plan") that will be paid in cash according to the Plan's provisions. During the Reporting Period, dividends paid resulted in an increase in the number of units held.
- 3. Stock Units are payable in cash according to the provisions of the Plan.

Kenyon W. Murphy 02/04/2004

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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