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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  ROBINSON RAY M       |   |  |   |         |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [ AYI ] |  |          |                                     |        |                      |   |                |                       | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |   |   |   |  |  |  |
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| (Last)   | (Fii  | ,  | Middle)                                     |         |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2019                  |  |          |                                     |        |                      |   |                |                       |   | Office  | er (give title<br>v)  |   | Other (below)                          | specify  |  |
| 1170 PE  | .170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, STE. 2300                                  |  |   |         |   |  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                               |          |                                     |        |                      |   |                |                       |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |   |   |  |  |  |
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|  |   | Tabl                                       | e I - No                                    | n-Deriv | ative                                   | Sec  | uritie   | s Acc    | quired,                             | , Dis  | posed o              | f, or   | Ben            | eficia                | ally (  | Owne  | ed  |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Date) |   |  |   |         | y/Year)   Exe                           |  | A. Deemed<br>xecution Date,<br>any<br>//onth/Day/Year)                                 |          | Transaction Dis                     |        |                      | Securities Acquired (A) isposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4   |                |                       | l and 5) S<br>B<br>C  |   | Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following   |   | ership<br>Direct<br>Indirect<br>tr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                |  |
|  |   |  |   |         |   |  |  |          | Code                                | v      | Amount               | ()<br>(I  | A) or<br>O)    | Price                 |   |   | ection(s)<br>3 and 4)   |   |  | (Instr. 4)   |  |
| Common Stock 08/01/2   |   |  |   |         | 2019                                    |  |  |          | A                                   |        | 269(1)               |   | A              | \$135                 | 5.01  | 1,269   |   | ]   | D                                      |  |  |
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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)            | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/D | n Date, | 1.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>3) |  | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |          | 6. Date E<br>Expiration<br>(Month/D | on Dat |                      | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Inst<br>and 4) |                |                       |   |   | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | Owne<br>Form:<br>Direct<br>or Ind<br>(I) (Ins | nership                                | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The shares being reported result from a grant of shares pursuant to the 2011 Acuity Brands, Inc. Nonemployee Director Compensation Plan (Effective as of December 1, 2011, as amended effective December 1, 2012).

## Remarks:

/s/ Jill A. Gilmer under Power of Attorney for Ray M. 08/05/2019

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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