FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

3235-0287 OMB Number STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP December 31 Expires: Check this box if no longer subject to 2014 Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 Estimated average burden obligations may continue. See Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Instruction 1(b) hours per or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 0.5 response: 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person' (Check all applicable) ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI] BAKER LESLIE M JR Directo 10% Owner 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Officer (give title Other (specify 05/01/2003 below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (Street) Form filed by One Reporting Person X Form filed by More than One Reporting (Citv) (Zip) (State) Person Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 7. Nature of 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 3 Indirect Beneficial Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date Tran ctio Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) if anv Code (Instr. 5) Owned Following (Month/Dav/Year) 8) Ownership (Instr. 4) Reported (A) or (D) Transaction(s) Code v Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 6. Date Exercisable and 5. Number 7. Title and 1. Title of 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 8. Price of 9. Number of 11. Nature 10. Derivative Security (Instr. 3) Expiration Date Ownership Conversion Dat Execution Date Transaction nount of Derivative derivative of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. Derivative Securities Securities Form: Beneficial or Exercise if any Security (Month/Dav/Year) Direct (D) Underlying Derivative Security Price of 8) Securities (Instr. 5) Beneficially Ownership Acquired (A) or Disposed Derivative Owned Following or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Security (Instr. 3 and 4) Reported Transaction(s) of (D) (Instr. 3. 4 (Instr. 4) and 5) Amount

1. Stock Units are accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Unit Plan and are payable in cash upon retirement. Accruals include an annual grant, required and elective deferral of director fees, and reinvestment of dividend equivalents. During the Reporting Period, dividends paid resulted in an increase in the number of units held.

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Explanation of Responses:

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Units⁽¹⁾

2. Stock Units are payable in cash upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments. Since the normal retirement age of Issuer's Directors is 65, the Date Exercisable has been calculated to be this Director's 65th birthday. In addition, since payments may be made in five annual installments, the Expiration Date has been set as five years from the Date Exercisable.

Date

Exercisable

05/22/2007⁽²⁾

Expiration

05/22/2012⁽²⁾

Date

Leslie M. Baker, Jr.

** Signature of Reporting Person

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

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