FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

OMB APPROVAL									
OMB Number:	3235-0287								
Expires:	December 31 2014								
Estimated average	burden								

0.5

hours per

response:

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* CLENDENIN JOHN L					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]											ionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owner			
(Last)	(F	irst)	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2003									Λ		(give title		Other (s	
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(City) (State) (Zip)														X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Ta	ble I - Non-D	Derivati	ve Se	curit	ies A	cqı	uired, D	isp	osed of	, or Ben	efici	ally	Owned				
Date				Transactio ate Ionth/Day/	Execution				Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		Disposed (es Acquired Of (D) (Insti		4 and Securitie Beneficie Owned F		i Ily	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	,	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	,		eported ransaction(s) nstr. 3 and 4)			(IIISU. 4)
			Table II - De (e.								sed of, onvertib				wned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea	Code	action (Instr.	ı of E		Exp	. Date Exercisable and :xpiration Date Month/Day/Year)			nd 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)			ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e (10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exe	e rcisable	Exp Dat	oiration te	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er					
Stock	0	05/01/2003	05/01/2003	A		181		05/0	8/2004 ⁽²⁾	05/	08/2009 ⁽²⁾	Common	181		\$14.76	17,941	(1)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 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.
- 2. Stock Units are payable in cash upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments. Since the retirement age of this Director is currently projected to be 70, the Date Exercisable has been calculated to be this Director's 70th 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.

<u>John L. Clendenin</u> <u>05/03/2003</u>

** 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

 $Persons \ who \ respond \ to \ the \ collection \ of \ information \ contained \ in \ this \ form \ are \ not \ required \ to \ respond \ unless \ the \ form \ displays \ a \ currently \ valid \ OMB \ Number.$