

MURPHY KENYON W  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MURPHY KENYON W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170  
PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE  
2400

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/11/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_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**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/11/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 3,511 A \$ 32.46  | 36,722   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 01/11/2006                           |  | F                              |   | 3,126 D \$ 36.45  | 33,596   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 01/11/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 9,862 A \$ 16.5   | 43,458   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 01/11/2006                           |  | F                              |   | 4,464 D \$ 36.45  | 38,994 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 15   | I by Son(s)                       |

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

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**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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 16.5  | 01/11/2006                           |  | M                              | 9,862   | 10/24/2004 10/23/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 9,862                      |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 32.46   | 01/11/2006                           |  | M                              | 3,511   | 09/17/2000 09/16/2006                                    | Common Stock  | 3,511                      |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

MURPHY KENYON W  
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.  
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400  
ATLANTA, GA 30309

SVP and General Counsel

## Signatures

By: Jill A. Gilmer, under Power of Attorney For: Kenyon W. Murphy

01/30/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions include 14,861 time-vesting restricted shares.

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