NORTH JULIA B Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NORTH JULIA B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

02/01/2005

X_ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

1170 PEACHTREE STREET. NE, SUITE 2400

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionof **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Derivativ Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise any Code (Instr. 3 and 4) Security

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	((Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			(Instr. 5)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units (1)	(2)	02/01/2005		A		59		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	59	\$ 26.99
Stock Units (1)	(2)	02/01/2005		A		540		<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	540	\$ 26.99

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
NORTH JULIA B 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309	X							

Signatures

By: Jill A. Gilmer, as Power of Attorney For: Julia B.
North
02/03/2005

**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).
- Stock Units are accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Unit Plan and are payable in cash upon retirement in either lump sum or five annual installments. Accruals include required and elective deferral of director fees and reinvestment of dividend equivalents. During the Reporting Period, dividends earned and fees paid to the Reporting Person resulted in an increase in the number of units held.
- (2) 1-for-1
- (3) Stock Units issued pursuant to the Plan are payable in cash upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments.

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