

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300**

(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)  
**07/10/2015**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/10/2015		M	1,815 A \$ 29.78	4,441	D	
Common Stock	07/10/2015		S	1,815 D \$ 190	2,626	D	
Common Stock	07/10/2015		S	2,626 D \$ 190	0	D	

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 29.78	07/10/2015		M	1,815	01/12/2007 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/11/2016	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NORTH JULIA B C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300 ATLANTA, GA 30309		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Julia B.  
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07/13/2015

\*\*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) This stock option previously represented the right to purchase 1,500 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$36.04. The stock option was converted to the right to purchase 1,815 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$29.78 effective with the spin-off of the Issuer's specialty chemical business on October 31, 2007. The original option agreement was granted on January 12, 2006 and became fully vested on January 12, 2007.

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