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(Print or Type F	Responses)									
1. Name and A Smith C. Da	Symbol	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First) (N		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Check					k all applicable)		
C/O ACUIT	Y BRANDS, INC EE STREET, NES	(Month C., 1170 10/25/	/Day/Year)				Director X Officer (give below) SVP, Trea		Owner er (specify etary	
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				<ul><li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check</li><li>Applicable Line)</li><li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li></ul>			
ATLANTA,	, GA 30309						Form filed by M Person	ore than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-D	<b>Derivative</b>	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year	Code	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose 4 and (A)	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Form: Direct Indirect y (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock (1)	10/25/2010		А	2,640	А	\$0	17,397 <u>(2)</u>	D		
Common Stock (3)	10/25/2010		А	1,980	А	\$0	19,377 <u>(4)</u>	D		
Common Stock (5)	10/26/2010		F	195	D	\$ 50.34	19,182 <u>(6)</u>	D		

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Numbe of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 50.56	10/25/2010		А	3,930	(8)	10/24/2020	Common Stock	3,93
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 50.56	10/25/2010		А	2,950	(8)	10/24/2020	Common Stock	2,95

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Smith C. Dan C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			SVP, Treasurer and Secretary				

## Signatures

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C. Dan Smith

10/27/2010

<u>\*\*</u>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 shares being reported result from the award of restricted shares pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) The total direct shares owned includes 10,764 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (3) The shares being reported result from a discretionary award of restricted shares pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (4) The total direct shares owned includes 12,744 time-vesting restricted shares.

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- (5) The transaction(s) being reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- (6) The total direct shares owned includes 12,144 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (7) The shares being reported result from the award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (8) This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period.
- (9) The shares being reported result from a discretionary award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.

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