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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Black Mark A

Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170

11/03/2017

(Month/Day/Year)

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

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PEACHTREE STREET. NE SUITE 2300

(State)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

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ATLANTA, GA 30309

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)	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)
G			Code V	(A) or Amount (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)

Common 11/03/2017 M 4.156 30,649 135.63 Stock

D

Common 11/03/2017 Stock

\$ S 7,441 D 161.32 $23,208 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ (1)

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

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7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5. Number	6. Date Exerc		7. Title and A	
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Expiration Securities (Month/Da Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 135.63	11/03/2017		M	4,156	<u>(3)</u>	10/26/2024	Common Stock	4,15

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
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Black Mark A C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300 ATLANTA, GA 30309

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Relationships

Signatures

/s/ Jill A. Gilmer, under Power of Attorney for Mark A. Black

11/06/2017

**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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$161.00 to \$161.85, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Acuity Brands, Inc., any security holder of Acuity Brands, Inc., or the staff of the Security and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.
- (2) The total direct shares owned includes 23,208 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (3) This option vested ratably over a three-year period and became fully vested on October 27, 2017.

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