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**Lithonia Lighting First Manufacturer to Convert
All Major Fluorescent Product Categories to Multi-volt Ballasts**

CONYERS, GA–August 1, 2005 -- Stocking and specifying fluorescent fixtures just got simpler for electrical distributors, contractors and specifiers. Lithonia Lighting, North America's largest manufacturer of fluorescent lighting fixtures, is the first manufacturer to offer multi-volt ballasts as standard across all major product categories in which a multi-volt ballast is available.

"Our conversion to multi-volt ballasts helps distributors reduce inventory and transaction costs by eliminating voltage-specific SKUs," says Thomas Hunter, vice president, Fluorescent group. "In addition, it helps specifiers simplify specifications, while helping to eliminate job problems and simplify installation for electrical contractors. It's really all about 'making it easier to do business' for our customers."

The conversion applies to more than 96% of Lithonia Lighting's total fluorescent product offering and includes troffers, parabolics, wraps, strips, RT5™ Volumetric Recessed Lighting, Rough Service and Industrial product categories. In addition, there is no additional charge from Lithonia Lighting for multi-volt ballasts over GEB ballasts for either stock or job business.

Contact your local Lithonia Lighting representative for additional information about the company's conversion to multi-volt ballasts, or visit www.lithonia.com.

Lithonia Lighting, an Acuity Brands Company (NYSE: AYI), is North America's largest manufacturer of lighting equipment for commercial, industrial, outdoor and residential applications.

Acuity Brands, Inc., with fiscal year 2004 net sales of over \$2.1 billion, is comprised of Acuity Brands Lighting and Acuity Specialty Products. Acuity Brands Lighting is one of the world's leading providers of lighting fixtures and includes brands such as Lithonia Lighting®, Holophane®, Peerless®, Hydrel®, American Electric Lighting® and Gotham®. Acuity Specialty Products is a leading provider of specialty chemicals and includes brands such as Zep®, Zep Commercial™, Enforcer® and Selig™. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Acuity Brands employs approximately 11,000 and has operations throughout North America and in Europe and Asia.