6. Nature of Indirect

(Instr. 5)

Beneficial Ownership

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST Form 3 December 02, 2008 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB

## **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

1. Name and A Person <u>*</u> Farrell D		porting	<ol> <li>Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</li> </ol>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST [ppt]						
(Last) PUTNAM INVESTME OFFICE SC	UARE	(Middle) NE POST	11/25/2008	<ul> <li>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</li> <li>(Check all applicable)</li> <li>Director10% Owner</li> </ul>		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				
BOSTON,Â	(Street) MAÂ 021	.09		Mgr. Dir. o	X Other w) (specify below) of Putnam, issuer's parent holding co.					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		Ownership O	Nature of Indirect Beneficial wnership nstr. 5)				
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.       SEC 1473 (7-02)         Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.       SEC 1473 (7-02)										
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)										

3. Title and Amount of

Securities Underlying

Amount or

Number of

**Derivative Security** 

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Title

4.

Conversion

or Exercise

Derivative

Price of

Security

5.

Ownership

Derivative

Security:

Direct (D)

Form of

2. Date Exercisable and

Date

**Expiration Date** 

(Month/Day/Year)

Exercisable

Date

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Shares	or Indirect	
	(I)	
	(Instr. 5)	

# **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Farrell Daniel C PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	Â	Â	Mgr. Dir. of Putnam, issuer's	indirect parent holding co.			
Signatures							
Daniel C. Farrell 12/02/2008							

<u>\*\*</u>Signature of

Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

### No securities are beneficially owned

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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