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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Reynolds Robert L

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

07/01/2008

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST [ppt]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

PUTNAM INVESTMENTS, Â ONE POST **OFFICE SQUARE**

(Street)

Director 10% Owner

_X__ Officer _X_ Other (give title below) (specify below) Pres./CEO, Putnam Investments / indirect parent hldg. company

(Check all applicable)

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BOSTON. MAÂ 02109

(City)

(Instr. 4)

1. Title of Security

(State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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2. Date Exercisable and

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

5. 4 Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

Date

Expiration Title

Amount or Number of

Derivative Price of Derivative Security: Security Direct (D)

(Instr. 4)

Date

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Shares

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reynolds Robert L

PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MAÂ 02109 Â Pres./CEO, Putnam Investments

indirect parent hldg.

company

Signatures

Robert L. 07/03/2008 Reynolds

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

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

Date

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