

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST

Form 3

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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

Â GEER BARTLETT R

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/04/2005

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST [ppt]

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☒ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

Managing Director, Putnam, LLC

/ and of its issuer's manager

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting  
Person☐ Form filed by More than One  
Reporting Person

PUTNAM

INVESTMENTS,Â ONE POST

OFFICE SQUARE

(Street)

BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02109

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially  
owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)Date  
ExercisableExpiration  
Date3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

Title

Amount or  
Number of4. Conversion  
or Exercise  
Price of  
Derivative  
Security5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative  
Security:  
Direct (D)6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Shares

or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                      | Relationships |           |                                  |                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                                                                     | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other                       |
| GEER BARTLETT R<br>PUTNAM INVESTMENTS<br>ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE<br>BOSTON, MA 02109 | Â             | Â         | Â Managing Director, Putnam, LLC | and of its issuer's manager |

## Signatures

Bartlett R. Geer 01/14/2005

\*\*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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