

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â MILLER CHRISTOPHER GRAHAM</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>PUTNAM INVESTMENTS,Â ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02109</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>01/11/2005</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST [ppt]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Managing Director, Putnam, LLC / and of its issuer's managers</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)</p> | <p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)</p> | <p>3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)</p> | <p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p> |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

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| <p>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p> | <p>2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p> | <p>4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative</p> | <p>5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:</p> | <p>6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p> |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MILLER CHRISTOPHER GRAHAM PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109 | â | â | â Managing Director, Putnam, LLC | and of its issuer's managers |

Signatures

Christopher G.
Miller

01/21/2005

**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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