

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST

Form 3

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response... 0.5**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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 *

MARRKAND PAUL E

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/10/2005

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)

PUTNAM

INVESTMENTS, ONE POST
OFFICE SQUARE

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02109

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☒ Other
(give title below) (specify below)Managing Director, Putnam, LLC
/ and of its issuer's managers

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**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
MARRKAND PAUL E PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	Â	Â	Â Managing Director, Putnam, LLC
			and of its issuer's managers

Signatures

Paul E.
Marrkand 01/20/2005

__Signature of Date
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).

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