

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST

Form 3

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**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 \*

Burns Robert T

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

05/16/2011

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)

ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☒ Other (specify below)

Vice President and / Chief Legal Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Title Amount or Number of Shares

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

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

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |         |                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                              | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                                  |
| Burns Robert T<br>ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE<br>BOSTON, MA 02109 |               |           |         | Vice President and Chief Legal Officer |

## Signatures

Robert T. Burns 05/18/2011

\_\_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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