PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST Form 3 July 03, 2008 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549

# **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF**

**SECURITIES** 

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(Instr. 4)

1. Name and A Person <u>*</u> Sullivan (	-	-	<ul><li>2. Date of Event Requiring</li><li>Statement</li><li>(Month/Day/Year)</li></ul>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST [ppt]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	06/30/2008	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
PUTNAM INVESTME OFFICE SQ BOSTON,Â	UARE (Street)			(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner _XOfficerX Other (give title below) (specify below) Mng.Dir. of Putnam Investments / indirect parent hldg. company		<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group</li> <li>Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting</li> <li>Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One</li> <li>Reporting Person</li> </ul>		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr	•	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								

### 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 4. 5. 6. Nature of Indirect **Expiration** Date Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) Derivative (Instr. 4) Price of Security: Derivative Date Expiration Title Amount or Security Direct (D) Exercisable Date Number of

Sha	res	or Indirect
		(I)
		(Instr. 5)

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Addr	ess	Relationships					
		10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Sullivan Gerard Peter PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUA BOSTON, MA 02109	Δ	Â	Mng.Dir. of Putnam Investments	indirect parent hldg. company			
Signatures							
Gerard P. C Sullivan	)7/03/2008						
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date						
<b>Explanation of F</b>	Respon	ses:					

## 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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