PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST Form 3 August 02, 2011 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Ac Person <u>*</u> Perkins R	-	-	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST [PPT]						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/26/2011		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
ONE POST	OFFICE S	QUARE									
	(Street)				(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group			
BOSTON, MA 02109					Director 10% Owner X OfficerX Other (give title below) (specify below) Co-Head Int'l Equities / Putnam Investments			Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		Ber	Amount of neficially (str. 4)	[•] Securities Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr	ership	irect Beneficial		
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)											
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Date

Exercisable

Expiration Title

Date

Derivative

Security

Amount or

Number of

Shares

Security:

Direct (D)

or Indirect

(I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Perkins Richard Shepherd ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	Â	Â	Co-Head Int'l Equities	Putnam Investments		
Signatures						
Richard Shepherd						

 Kichard Shepherd
 08/02/2011

 Perkins
 08/02/2011

 **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).

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