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Form 4

October 17, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **KESTER W CARL**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

BLACKROCK PREFERRED INCOME STRATEGIES FUND,

(Check all applicable)

INC. [PSY]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

(Month/Day/Year) 10/15/2008

40 EAST 52ND STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Security (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Conversion

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)			(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Performance Rights (1)	<u>(2)</u>	10/15/2008		A	332.662		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	332.662

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Toporoug o water tune, returnos	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
KESTER W CARL 40 EAST 52ND STREET NEW YORK, NY 10022	X						

Signatures

/s/ Janey Ahn as Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) The Phantom Stock units were accrued under the BlackRock Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) One performance right is convertible into the cash value of one share of BlackRock Preferred Income Strategies Fund, Inc.
- (3) The units are to be settled 100% in cash at the end of the deferral period chosen by the reporting person.

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