PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST Form 3 May 18, 2011 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549

## **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 A Person <u>*</u> Burns Ro		orting	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)	05/16/2011		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
ONE POST		QUARE			(Check all applicable)					
(Street) BOSTON, MA 02109					Director10% Owner X_OfficerX_Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President and / Chief Legal Officer			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Ta	ble I - N	I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
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(Instr. 4)

Expiration Title

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Price of

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Amount or

Number of

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Derivative Security:

Direct (D)

or Indirect

(I)

# **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF**

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(Instr. 5)

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
Burns Robert T ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	Â	Â	Vice President and	Chief Legal Officer					
Signatures									
Robert T. Burns 05/18	8/2011								

<u>\*\*</u>Signature of 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).

Date

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