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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Cox Samuel O

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/12/2017

2. Date of Event Requiring 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)

PUTNAM INVESTMENTS, Â ONE POST

OFFICE SQUARE

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Director _X__ Officer __X__ Other (give title below) (specify below) Co-Director Equity Research / **Putnam Investments**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

BOSTON. MAÂ 02109

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (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)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

5. 4 Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of Derivative Price of

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

(Instr. 4)

Date **Expiration Title** Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of

Derivative Security: Security Direct (D)

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Shares

or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cox Samuel O

PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MAÂ 02109

Â Co-Director Equity Research Putnam Investments

Signatures

Samuel O. Cox 01/25/2017

**Signature of Date
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).
- ** 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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