PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST Form 3 March 04, 2005 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549

## **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> YOGG MICHAEL R				2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST [ppt]			
(Las	,	ïrst)	(Middle)	03/04/2005	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
PUTNAM INVESTMENTS, ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE (Street) BOSTON, MA 02109					(Check all applicable) Director10% Owner XOfficerXOther (give title below) (specify below) Managing Director Putnam LLC / and of its issuer's manager		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(Cit	y) (S	tate)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned
1.Title c (Instr. 4	of Security )			2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	*
	er: Report of irectly or in	directly. Person informa require	s who resp ation conta d to respo	ch class of securities benefic bond to the collection of lined in this form are not nd unless the form displ //B control number.	t SI	EC 1473 (7-02	)	
	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 (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security: Security Direct (D)		

Shares	or Indirect (I)
	(Instr. 5)

## **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>		Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
YOGG MICHAEL R PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	Â	Â	Managing Director Putnam LLC	and of its issuer's manager			
Signatures							
Michael R. Yogg 03/0	)4/2005						
**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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