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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Ahamed Liaquat

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

09/13/2012

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

Officer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

PUTNAM

INVESTMENTS, Â ONE POST

OFFICE SQUARE

(Street)

10% Owner _X_ Director

(Check all applicable)

Other (give title below) (specify below)

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) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5) Form:

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

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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**

4. 5. Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of

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

(Instr. 4)

Date **Expiration Title** Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of

Derivative Price of Derivative Security: Security Direct (D)

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Shares or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ahamed Liaquat PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MAÂ 02109

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Signatures

Liaquat Ahamed 09/19/2012

**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).
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