

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CHOQUETTE DANIEL
STEPHANE
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST [PPT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

PUTNAM INVESTMENTS, ONE
POST OFFICE SQUARE
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
07/31/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Portfolio Manager/Putnam Inv.

BOSTON, MA 02109
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Closed-end Fund | 07/31/2011 ⁽¹⁾ | Â | J | 1,842.453 A | 6.09 \$ 30,301.927 ⁽²⁾ | D | Â |

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

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