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PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST Form 3 January 18, 2017 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> Lakin Kathryn			2. Date of Event RequiringStatement(Month/Day/Year)	0 5. 155del 14di	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST [PPT]			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/12/2017	4. Relationsh Person(s) to 1	ip of Reporting 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) 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		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity			t of Securities lly Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	1	
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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)		Expiration Date		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		Ownership I	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

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
, or the second s	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Lakin Kathryn PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	Â	Â	Co-Director Equity Research	Putnam Investments		
Signatures						
Kathryn Lakin 01/18	2017					
<u>**</u> Signature of Da Reporting Person	te					

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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