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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Harris Jerrold B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

BLACKROCK PREFERRED INCOME STRATEGIES FUND,

(Check all applicable)

INC. [PSY]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

40 EAST 52ND STREET

04/15/2008

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X 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

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative

Security

(Instr. 3)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Conversion

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	5)	Securities Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, a 5)	(D)			(Instr. 3 and	4)
				Code '	V		(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Performance Rights (1)	<u>(2)</u>	04/15/2008		A		262.368		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	262.36

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Harris Jerrold B								
40 EAST 52ND STREET	X							
NEW YORK, NY 10022								

Signatures

/s/ Vincent B. Tritto as Attorney-in-Fact 04/17/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) The Phantom Stock units were accrued under the BlackRock Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) One performance right is convertible into the cash value of one share of BlackRock Preferred Income Strategies Fund, Inc.
- (3) The units are to be settled 100% in cash at the end of the deferral period chosen by the reporting person.

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