

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 \*  
BAXTER JAMESON A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BAXTER ASSOCIATES  
INC, 1250 W NORTHWEST  
HIGHWAY

(Street)

PALATINE, IL 60067

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
07/31/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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### 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price \$		
Closed-end fund	07/31/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>	^	J	33.74 A	5.97 536.532	D	^
					<sup>(2)</sup>		

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