

Whiston Sandra Clark  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Whiston Sandra Clark

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PUTNAM INVESTMENTS, ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02109

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
 04/30/2006

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PUTNAM MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST [pmo]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 Sr.Mng.Dir.of Putnam, issuer's / indirect parent holding co.

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

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

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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 (Instr. 4)  
 Title

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

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

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Date Exercisable      Expiration Date      Amount or Number of Shares      or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Row 1: Whiston Sandra Clark, Sr.Mng.Dir.of Putnam, issuer's indirect parent holding co.

Signatures

Sandra C. Whiston      06/08/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person      Date

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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