

PIMCO MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND III

Form 3

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response... 0.5**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *Â LUDWIG STEVEN
(Last) (First) (Middle)840 NEWPORT CENTER
DRIVE,Â SUITE 100

(Street)

NEWPORT
BEACH,Â CAÂ 92660

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement(Month/Day/Year)
03/07/20083. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

PIMCO MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND III [PMX]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer ____X____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
SVP & CCO6. 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 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)NO SECURITIES ARE BENEFICIALLY
OWNED

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

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currently valid OMB control number.****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)4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LUDWIG STEVEN 840 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE SUITE 100 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	^	^	^	SVP & CCO

Signatures

/S/ STEVEN
LUDWIG 12/22/2008

**Signature of
Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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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Remarks:

PACIFIC INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY LLC (PIMCO) IS THE INVESTMENT ADVISOR

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