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PIMCO MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND III

# FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> COCHRAN RICHARD J			Statement (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PIMCO MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND III [PMX]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	04/28/2008	4. Relationsh Person(s) to l	ip of Reporting Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
1345 AVEN AMERICAS				(Check	all applicable)				
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10105				X Officer (give title belo	Director10% Owner XOfficerOther (give title below) (specify below) Assistant Treasurer		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)	Tabl	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity			nount of Securities ficially Owned . 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	*		
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Reminder: Repo owned directly o		ate line for ea	ch class of securities l	beneficially S	SEC 1473 (7-02)	)			
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T	Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
			Derivative	Security:	

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

## **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships					
I B I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
COCHRAN RICHARD J 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS 47TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10105	Â	Â	Assistant Treasurer	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ Thomas J. Fuccillo, Attorney in Fact	12/31/2008					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Ι	Date				

### **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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