PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST Form N-O December 27, 2013

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file

number:

(811-05452)

Exact name of registrant as

specified in charter:

Putnam Premier Income Trust

Address of principal executive

offices:

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Name and address of agent for

service:

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Registrant's telephone number, (617) 292-1000

including area code:

Date of fiscal year end: July 31, 2014

Date of reporting period: October 31, 2013

Item 1. Schedule of Investments:

Putnam Premier Income Trust

The fund's portfolio 10/31/13 (Unaudited)

MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (48.2%)(a)

Principal amount

Value

FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS at 10/31/13 (aggregate face value \$413,294,216) (Unaudited)

Counterparty	Currency	Contract type	Delivery date	Value	Aggregate face value	Unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)
Bank of Ameri	ca N.A.					_
	Brazilian Real	Buy	1/3/14	\$2,499,329	\$2,556,875	\$(57,546)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	1/16/14	383	404	21
	Chilean Peso	Buy	1/16/14	4,301,206	4,408,364	(107,158)
	Euro	Buy	12/18/13	2,034,877	2,026,119	8,758
	Euro	Sell	12/18/13	2,034,877	2,044,811	9,934
	Singapore Dollar	Sell	11/20/13	2,890,381	2,813,066	(77,315)
	Swiss Franc	Sell	12/18/13	2,112,082	2,038,284	(73,798)
Barclays Bank	PLC					
	Australian Dollar	Buy	1/16/14	1,947,846	1,982,803	(34,957)
	Brazilian Real	Buy	1/3/14	4,454,263	4,570,455	(116,192)
	British Pound	Sell	12/18/13	3,672,174	3,575,356	(96,818)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	1/16/14	2,567,494	2,568,589	1,095
	Czech Koruna	Sell	12/18/13	2,004,204	2,033,936	29,732
	Euro	Sell	12/18/13	11,739,038	11,583,334	(155,704)
	Hungarian Forint	Buy	12/18/13	1,871,783	1,854,417	17,366
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/20/13	3,337,175	3,303,320	(33,855)
	Mexican Peso	Sell	1/16/14	1,972,917	1,997,577	24,660
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	12/18/13	2,139,211	2,135,125	4,086
	Polish Zloty	Buy	12/18/13	7,104,825	7,194,643	(89,818)
	Singapore Dollar	Sell	11/20/13	6,140,368	6,116,094	(24,274)
	Swiss Franc	Sell	12/18/13	2,227,515	2,157,155	(70,360)
	Turkish Lira	Buy	12/18/13	1,196,575	1,216,039	(19,464)

Citibank, N.A.						
,,,	Australian Dollar	Buy	1/16/14	621,189	619,613	1,576
	Brazilian Real	Buy	1/3/14	4,701,663	4,826,231	(124,568)
	British Pound	Buy	12/18/13	138,328	156,401	(18,073)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	1/16/14	2,007,969	2,004,281	(3,688)
	Euro	Sell	12/18/13	698,072	711,101	13,029
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/20/13	378,674	322,832	(55,842)
	New Taiwan Dollar	Sell	11/20/13	3,455,628	3,464,794	9,166
	Swiss Franc	Sell	12/18/13	4,185,906	4,051,544	(134,362)
Credit Suisse I		D	12/10/12	1 000 000	2 022 114	(40.740)
	British Pound	Buy	12/18/13	1,992,366	2,033,114	(40,748)
	Canadian Dollar Czech Koruna	Sell Sell	1/16/14 12/18/13	1,966,136 2,004,199	1,986,374 2,012,957	20,238 8,758
	Euro	Sell	12/18/13	4,695,453	4,676,140	(19,313)
	Japanese Yen	Buy	11/20/13	3,115,239	3,150,028	(34,789)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/20/13	3,115,239	3,090,269	(24,970)
	Mexican Peso	Buy	1/16/14	3,009,270	2,989,197	20,073
	Mexican Peso	Sell	1/16/14	3,009,270	3,026,489	17,219
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	1/16/14	1,956,586	2,017,489	(60,903)
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	12/18/13	2,051,549	2,074,769	(23,220)
	Singapore Dollar	Seĺl	11/20/13	5,055,349	5,061,747	6,398
	South Korean Won	Buy	11/20/13	4,561,488	4,528,828	32,660
	Swiss Franc	Sell	12/18/13	4,425,372	4,285,196	(140,176)
Deutsche Banl						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	1/16/14	378,037	420,844	(42,807)
	British Pound	Buy	12/18/13	1,965,759	1,979,180	(13,421)
	British Pound	Sell	12/18/13	1,965,759	1,906,635	(59,124)
	Canadian Dollar	Buy	1/16/14	1,995,142	2,020,474	(25,332)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell Sell	1/16/14	1,995,142	2,009,454	14,312
	Euro Japanese Yen	Buy	12/18/13 11/20/13	8,728,544 2,024,870	8,616,995 2,028,720	(111,549) (3,850)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/20/13	2,024,870	2,028,720	5,075
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	12/18/13	2,024,070	2,116,825	(72,622)
	Polish Zloty	Buy	12/18/13	3,068,759	3,124,878	(56,119)
	Swiss Franc	Sell	12/18/13	2,216,159	2,139,383	(76,776)
Goldman Sach	s International	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	,,	_,,	_,,	(, 5,, , 5,
	Australian Dollar	Buy	1/16/14	2,083,861	2,067,234	16,627
	British Pound	Buy	12/18/13	4,076,899	4,075,788	1,110
	British Pound	Sell	12/18/13	4,145,982	4,069,316	(76,666)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	1/16/14	16,465	9,871	(6,594)
	Chilean Peso	Buy	1/16/14	4,825,832	4,938,739	(112,907)
	Euro	Sell	12/18/13	6,283,868	6,089,161	(194,707)
	Japanese Yen	Buy	11/20/13	1,999,305	2,023,524	(24,219)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/20/13	1,999,305	2,003,070	3,765
HSBC Bank US	A, National Associat		12/10/12	4 500 277	4 522 427	(22.050)
	British Pound British Pound	Buy Sell	12/18/13 12/18/13	4,500,377 4,500,377	4,522,427 4,512,497	(22,050) 12,120
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	1/16/14	1,391,487	1,405,803	14,316
	Chinese Yuan	Sell	1/10/14	1,391,407	1,405,605	14,510
	(Offshore)	Sell	11/20/13	101,455	52,667	(48,788)
	Euro	Sell	12/18/13	1,110,451	1,061,731	(48,720)
	Indian Rupee	Sell	11/20/13	803,217	796,141	(7,076)
	New Taiwan Dollar	Sell	11/20/13	3,455,632	3,455,687	55
	Swedish Krona	Buy	12/18/13	1,963,850	1,937,288	26,562
	Swedish Krona	Seĺl	12/18/13	1,963,850	1,986,558	22,708
JPMorgan Chas						
-	Australian Dollar	Buy	1/16/14	2,061,757	2,054,431	7,326
	Brazilian Real	Buy	1/3/14	4,434,487	4,550,469	(115,982)
	British Pound	Buy	12/18/13	6,305,849	6,298,956	6,893
	British Pound	Sell	12/18/13	6,311,138	6,248,694	(62,444)
	Czech Koruna	Buy	12/18/13	1,277,207	1,259,979	17,228
	Czech Koruna	Sell	12/18/13	1,277,207	1,239,191	(38,016)

	Euro	Sell	12/18/13	8,274,615	8,211,633	(62,982)
	Hungarian Forint	Buy	12/18/13	2,198,084	2,229,041	(30,957)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/20/13	41,249	71,178	29,929
	Malaysian Ringgit	Buy	11/20/13	5,154,278	5,105,600	48,678
	Malaysian Ringgit	Sell	11/20/13	5,154,278	4,934,591	(219,687)
	Mexican Peso	Sell	1/16/14	1,972,917	1,985,748	12,831
	New Taiwan Dollar	Sell	11/20/13	6,586,611	6,578,070	(8,541)
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	1/16/14	1,956,586	2,017,405	(60,819)
		Buy	12/18/13	2,407,762	2,419,856	(12,094)
	Norwegian Krone					
	Polish Zloty	Buy	12/18/13	5,842,172	5,877,083	(34,911)
	Russian Ruble	Sell	12/18/13	144,737	137,557	(7,180)
	Singapore Dollar	Sell	11/20/13	4,564,199	4,530,472	(33,727)
	South Korean Won	Buy	11/20/13	6,336,382	6,313,804	22,578
	Swiss Franc	Buy	12/18/13	2,115,831	2,107,604	8,226
	Swiss Franc	Sell	12/18/13	2,149,898	2,087,280	(62,618)
Royal Bank of	Scotland PLC (The)					
	Australian Dollar	Buy	1/16/14	56,908	10,694	46,214
	Brazilian Real	Buy	1/3/14	4,717,960	4,826,433	(108,473)
	British Pound	Buy	12/18/13	160	162	(2)
	British Pound	Sell	12/18/13	160	155	(5)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	1/16/14	1,993,706	2,018,101	24,395
	Euro	Sell	12/18/13	5,477,711	5,279,202	(198,509)
	Hungarian Forint	Buy	12/18/13	1,871,782	1,854,678	17,104
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/20/13	2,025,960	1,986,662	(39,298)
	Mexican Peso	Sell	1/16/14	1,923,006	1,947,090	24,084
	Swedish Krona					
Ctata Ctroot D		Buy	12/18/13	1,557,431	1,573,914	(16,483)
State Street B	ank and Trust Co.	Dent	1/16/14	2 040 211	2 021 542	16.660
	Australian Dollar	Buy	1/16/14	2,048,211	2,031,542	16,669
	Brazilian Real	Buy	1/3/14	4,137,536	4,259,418	(121,882)
	British Pound	Buy	12/18/13	1,992,367	2,018,844	(26,477)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	1/16/14	568,714	574,559	5,845
	Chilean Peso	Buy	1/16/14	1,032,203	1,050,426	(18,223)
	Chilean Peso	Sell	1/16/14	1,032,203	1,046,277	14,074
	Czech Koruna	Buy	12/18/13	1,277,207	1,260,041	17,166
	Czech Koruna	Sell	12/18/13	1,277,207	1,240,090	(37,117)
	Euro	Sell	12/18/13	7,456,237	7,433,567	(22,670)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/20/13	2,610,006	2,603,082	(6,924)
	New Taiwan Dollar	Sell	11/20/13	6,586,615	6,577,514	(9,101)
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	1/16/14	1,956,586	2,002,764	(46,178)
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	12/18/13	369,714	343,754	25,960
	Polish Zloty	Buy	12/18/13	4,036,130	4,069,057	(32,927)
	Singapore Dollar	Sell	11/20/13	5,495,218	5,412,320	(82,898)
	South Korean Won	Buy	11/20/13	7,603,217	7,545,356	57,861
	Swedish Krona	Buy	12/18/13	1,997,456	2,015,712	(18,256)
	Swiss Franc	Sell	12/18/13	298,891	223,451	(75,440)
UBS AG	SWISSTTATIC	Jen	12/10/13	290,091	223,431	(73,440)
UBS AG	Australian Dollar	Dun/	1/16/14	2,016,889	2,000,532	16,357
		Buy	1/16/14			
	Australian Dollar	Sell	1/16/14	2,016,889	1,998,399	(18,490)
	British Pound	Buy	12/18/13	10,227,750	10,199,551	28,199
	British Pound	Sell	12/18/13	10,227,750	10,195,384	(32,366)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	1/16/14	2,700,458	2,714,261	13,803
	Czech Koruna	Sell	12/18/13	3,882,217	3,907,133	24,916
	Euro	Sell	12/18/13	7,364,039	7,367,075	3,036
	Hungarian Forint	Buy	12/18/13	2,198,083	2,251,630	(53,547)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/20/13	621,382	576,401	(44,981)
	Mexican Peso	Sell	1/16/14	2,074,887	2,095,777	20,890
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	1/16/14	1,956,668	2,002,938	(46,270)
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	12/18/13	3,393,673	3,429,504	(35,831)
	Russian Ruble	Sell	12/18/13	536,671	509,740	(26,931)
	Singapore Dollar	Sell	11/20/13	5,697,360	5,626,168	(71,192)
	Swedish Krona	Buy	12/18/13	2,382,232	2,360,886	21,346
	Swiss Franc	Sell	12/18/13	1,279,244	1,101,111	(178,133)
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	rkish Lira	Buy	12/18/13	1,839,784	1,869,154	(29,370)
Tu	rkish Lira	Sell	12/18/13	1,839,784	1,832,704	(7,080)
WestPac Banking	Corp.					
Au	stralian Dollar	Buy	1/16/14	2,020,369	2,044,383	(24,014)
Ca	nadian Dollar	Sell	1/16/14	1,471,228	1,486,356	15,128
Eu	ro	Sell	12/18/13	1,571,985	1,560,562	(11,423)
Jap	anese Yen	Sell	11/20/13	40,470	34,064	(6,406)
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Total \$(3,949,938)

FUTURES CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 10/31/13 (Unaudited)

				Unrealized
	Number of contracts	Value	Expiration date	on appreciation/ (depreciation)
Australian Government Treasury Bond 10				_
yr (Long)	5	\$550,696	Dec-13	\$7,137
Euro-Bobl 5 yr (Long)	17	2,891,911	Dec-13	52,484
Euro-Bund 10 yr (Short)	292	56,297,716	Dec-13	(1,378,267)
Euro-Buxl 30 yr (Short)	21	3,594,886	Dec-13	(81,612)
Japanese Government Bond 10 yr (Short) Japanese Government Bond 10 yr Mini	2	2,950,676	Dec-13	(46,994)
(Long)	15	2,212,244	Dec-13	34,263
U.K. Gilt 10 yr (Long)	218	38,889,935	Dec-13	393,966
U.S. Treasury Note 5 yr (Short)	170	20,686,875	Dec-13	(131,175)
U.S. Treasury Note 10 yr (Short)	26	3,311,344	Dec-13	(14,878)
Total				\$(1,165,076)

WRITTEN SWAP OPTIONS OUTSTANDING at 10/31/13 (premiums \$1,861,747) (Unaudited)

Counterparty Fixed Obligation % to receive or (pay)/ Floating rate index/Maturity date	Expiration date/strike		Contract amount	Value
Credit Suisse International				_
2.98/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Nov-23				
		Nov-13/2.98	\$76,053,3	00\$5,324
(2.98)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Nov-23				
		Nov-13/2.98	76,053,3001	L,989,554

Total\$1,994,878

FORWARD PREMIUM SWAP OPTION CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 10/31/13 (Unaudited)

Counterparty Fixed right or obligation % to receive or (pay)/ Floating rate index/Maturity date	Expiration date/strike	Contract ap amount (de	Unrealized opreciation/epreciation)
Credit Suisse International			
(2.70625)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Dec-23 (Written)	Dec-13/2.70625	\$13,500,000	\$7,290
(2.7165)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Dec-23 (Written)	Dec-13/2.7165	13,500,000	810
Total			\$8,100

TBA SALE COMMITMENTS OUTSTANDING at 10/31/13 (proceeds receivable \$53,407,871) (Unaudited)

	Principal	Settlement	
Agency	amount	date	Value

Federal National Mortgage Association, 4s, November 1, 2043 Federal National Mortgage Association, 3 1/2s, November 1, 2043	\$37,000,000 14,000,000	11/13/13 11/13/13	\$38,982,971 14,366,406
Total			\$53,349,377
OTC INTEREST RATE SWAP CONTRACTS OUT (Unaudited)	STANDING at 1	10/31/13	
CENTRALLY CLEARED INTEREST RATE SWAP OUTSTANDING at 10/31/13 (Unaudited)	CONTRACTS		

OTC CREDIT DEFAULT CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 10/31/13 (Unaudited)

Key to holding's currency abbreviations

AUD Australian Dollar

BRL Brazilian Real

CAD Canadian Dollar

CHF Swiss Franc

CLP Chilean Peso

EUR Euro

GBP British Pound

JPY Japanese Yen

KRW South Korean Won

MXN Mexican Peso

SEK Swedish Krona

ZAR South African Rand

Key to holding's abbreviations

ADS American Depository Shares: represents ownership of foreign securities on deposit with a custodian bank

bp Basis Points

EMTN Euro Medium Term Notes

FRB Floating Rate Bonds: the rate shown is the current interest rate at the close of the reporting period

FRN Floating Rate Notes: the rate shown is the current interest rate at the close of the reporting period

IFB Inverse Floating Rate Bonds, which are securities that pay interest rates that vary inversely to changes in the market interest rates. As interest

rates rise, inverse floaters produce less current income. The rate shown is the current interest rate at the close of the reporting period.

IO Interest Only

JSC Joint Stock Company

MTN Medium Term Notes

OAO Open Joint Stock Company

OJSC Open Joint Stock Company

PO Principal Only

TBA To Be Announced Commitments

Notes to the fund's portfolio

Unless noted otherwise, the notes to the fund's portfolio are for the close of the fund's reporting period, which ran from August 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013 (the reporting period). Within the following notes to the portfolio, references to "ASC 820" represent Accounting Standards Codification 820 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, references to "Putnam Management" represent Putnam Investment Management, LLC, the fund's manager, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Putnam Investments, LLC and references to "OTC", if any, represent over-the-counter.

- (a) Percentages indicated are based on net assets of \$798,142,164.
- (b) The aggregate identified cost on a tax basis is \$975,034,148, resulting in gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of \$35,684,198 and \$15,167,958, respectively, or net unrealized appreciation of \$20.516,240.
- (NON) Non-income-producing security.
- (STP) The interest rate and date shown parenthetically represent the new interest rate to be paid and the date the fund will begin accruing interest at this rate.
- (PIK) Income may be received in cash or additional securities at the discretion of the issuer.
- (AFF) Affiliated company. The rate quoted in the security description is the annualized 7-day yield of the fund at the close of the reporting period. Transactions during the period with Putnam Short Term Investment Fund, which is under common ownership and control, were as follows:

	Market				
	value at the				Market
	beginning				value at the
	of the				end of the
	reporting	Purchase	Sale	Investment	reporting
Name of affiliate	period	cost	proceeds	income	period

Putnam Short Term Investment Fund *

\$19,883,474 \$116,723,380 \$119,168,103

\$2,622 \$17,438,751

- * Management fees charged to Putnam Short Term Investment Fund have been waived by Putnam Management.
- (SEG) This security, in part or in entirety, was pledged and segregated with the broker to cover margin requirements for futures contracts at the close of the reporting period.
- (SEGSF) This security, in part or in entirety, was pledged and segregated with the custodian for collateral on certain derivative contracts at the close of the reporting period.
- (SEGCCS) This security, in part or in entirety, was pledged and segregated with the custodian for collateral on the initial margin on certain centrally cleared derivative contracts at the close of the reporting period.
 - (FWC) Forward commitment, in part or in entirety.

(c)

Senior loans are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, but contain certain restrictions on resale and cannot be sold publicly. These loans pay interest at rates which adjust periodically. The interest rates shown for senior loans are the current interest rates at the close of the reporting period. Senior loans are also subject to mandatory and/or optional prepayment which cannot be predicted. As a result, the remaining maturity may be substantially less than the stated maturity shown. Senior loans are purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis and may be settled a month or more after the trade date, which from time to time can delay the actual investment of available cash balances; interest income is accrued based on the terms of the securities.

Senior loans can be acquired through an agent, by assignment from another holder of the loan, or as a participation interest in another holder's portion of the loan. When the fund invests in a loan or participation, the fund is subject to the risk that an intermediate participant between the fund and the borrower will fail to meet its obligations to the fund, in addition to the risk that the borrower under the loan may default on its obligations.

- (F) Is valued at fair value following procedures approved by the Trustees. Securities may be classified as Level 2 or Level 3 for ASC 820 based on the securities' valuation inputs.
- (P) Security was pledged, or purchased with cash that was pledged, to the fund for collateral on certain derivatives contracts. The rate quoted in the security description is the annualized 7-day yield of the fund at the close of the reporting period.
- (R) Real Estate Investment Trust.

At the close of the reporting period, the fund maintained liquid assets totaling \$312,178,706 to cover certain derivatives contracts and delayed delivery securities.

Debt obligations are considered secured unless otherwise indicated.

144A after the name of an issuer represents securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.

The dates shown on debt obligations are the original maturity dates.

DIVERSIFICATION BY COUNTRY

Distribution of investments by country of risk at the close of the reporting period, excluding collateral received, if any (as a percentage of Portfolio Value):

United States	82.7%
Russia	2.4
Venezuela	1.8
Greece	1.6
Argentina	1.6
United Kingdom	1.3
Luxembourg	1.2
Brazil	0.8
Canada	0.7
Ireland	0.7
Germany	0.6
Ukraine	0.6
Indonesia	0.5
Mexico	0.5
Other	3.0

ASC 820 establishes a three-level hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of the fund's investments. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1: Valuations based on quoted prices for identical securities in active markets.

Level 2: Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the fund's net assets as of the close of the reporting period:

Valuation inputs

Investments in securities:	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Common stocks *:			
Consumer cyclicals	\$518,260	\$448	\$168,974
Total common stocks	518,260	448	168,974
Convertible bonds and notes	_	294,400	_
Convertible preferred stocks	303,744	975,408	_
Corporate bonds and notes	_	256,963,273	_
Foreign government and agency bonds and notes	_	74,167,726	_
Mortgage-backed securities	_	385,002,054	_
Preferred stocks	441,847	1,005,848	_
Purchased options outstanding	_	220,200	_
Purchased swap options outstanding	_	1,860,663	_
Senior loans	_	12,352,526	_
U.S. government and agency mortgage obligations	_	188,095,323	_
Warrants	_	10,425	_
Short-term investments	21,128,751	52,040,518	_
Totals by level	\$22,392,602	\$972,988,812	\$168,974

Item 2. Controls and Procedures:

- (a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded, based on their evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that the design and operation of such procedures are generally effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in this report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms.
- (b) Changes in internal control over financial reporting: Not applicable

Item 3. Exhibits:

Separate certifications for the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Putnam Premier Income Trust

By (Signature and Title):

/s/ Janet C. Smith
Janet C. Smith
Principal Accounting Officer
Date: December 27, 2013

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title):

/s/ Jonathan S. Horwitz Jonathan S. Horwitz Principal Executive Officer Date: December 27, 2013

By (Signature and Title):

<u>/s/ Steven D. Krichmar</u> Steven D. Krichmar

Principal Financial Officer Date: December 27, 2013