

GEER BARTLETT R  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 \*

GEER BARTLETT R  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
01/04/2005

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PUTNAM HIGH INCOME BOND FUND [pcf]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner

Officer  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)

Managing Director, Putnam, LLC  
/ and of its issuer's manager

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PUTNAM INVESTMENTS, ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02109

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

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

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

Date Exercisable      Expiration Date      Title      Amount or Number of

Shares or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			Other
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	
GEER BARTLETT R PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	Ã	Ã	Ã Managing Director, Putnam, LLC	and of its issuer's manager

## Signatures

Bartlett R. Geer                      01/14/2005  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

### No securities are beneficially owned

- \* 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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