

MARRKAND PAUL E  
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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 \*

Â MARRKAND PAUL E  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

PUTNAM INVESTMENTS,Â ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE  
 (Street)

BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02109  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
 01/10/2005

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PUTNAM MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST  
 [pmg]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 Managing Director, Putnam, LLC  
 / and of its issuer's managers

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

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			Other
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	
MARRKAND PAUL E PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	X	X	X Managing Director, Putnam, LLC	and of its issuer's managers

## Signatures

Paul E. Marrkand	01/20/2005
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**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
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## 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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