

BLACKROCK PREFERRED INCOME STRATEGIES FUND, INC.  
 Form 4/A  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Harris Jerrold B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BLACKROCK PREFERRED INCOME STRATEGIES FUND, INC. [PSY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 40 EAST 52ND STREET  
 (Street)  
 NEW YORK, NY 10022  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/16/2008  
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
 01/18/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3) or Exercise Price of Derivative Security any (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 8) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Performance Rights (1) (2) 01/16/2008 A 228.231 (3) (3) Common Stock 228.23

Reporting Owners

Table with Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other), and details for Harris Jerrold B.

Signatures

/s/ Vincent B. Tritto as Attorney-in-Fact 01/24/2008 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
(1) The Phantom Stock units were accrued under the BlackRock Deferred Compensation Plan.
(2) One performance right is convertible into the cash value of one share of BlackRock Preferred Income Strategies Fund, Inc.
(3) The units are to be settled 100% in cash at the deferral period chosen by the reporting person.

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