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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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 \*

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(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O HYPERION BROOKFIELD  
ASSET MGMT., INC., ^ 3 WFC,  
200 VESEY STREET, 10TH  
FLOOR

(Street)

NEW  
YORK, ^ NY ^ 10281-1010

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
06/29/2009

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND  
[FHI]

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)

Portfolio Manager-Sub-Advisor

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)

Common Shares

0

D ^

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

4. Conversion or Exercise

5. Ownership Form of

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

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Breaks Anthony A. C/O HYPERION BROOKFIELD ASSET MGMT., INC 3 WFC, 200 VESEY STREET, 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10281-1010	^	^	^	Portfolio Manager-Sub-Advisor

### Signatures

/s/ Anthony A. Breaks by Kristi A. Maher, attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a Power of Attorney 07/13/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

### Explanation of Responses:

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

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