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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Helfer Ray E.

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

Statement (Month/Day/Year)

01/01/2012

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Nuveen Mortgage Opportunity Term Fund [JLS]

280 CONGRESS STREET

(Street)

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

Officer of Investment Adviser

6. Individual or Joint/Group

5. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

BOSTON, X1Â 02210

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

(I) (Instr. 5)

Form:

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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

Direct (D) or Indirect

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

Security:

Direct (D)

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

Expiration Date Exercisable Date

Title

or Indirect (I)

Derivative

Security

(Instr. 5)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

(Instr. 4)

Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Helfer Ray E.

280 CONGRESS STREET Officer of Investment Adviser BOSTON, X1Â 02210

Signatures

John E. Bruno -Attorney-in-Fact 01/03/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

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