

NUVEEN SELECT TAX FREE INCOME PORTFOLIO 3
Form N-Q
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549**

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-6693

Nuveen Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio 3

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. McCarthy Vice President and Secretary

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 3/31

Date of reporting period: 6/30/09

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio 3 (NXR)

June 30, 2009

Principal

Amount (000) Description (1)

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Municipal Bonds □ **98.6%**

Alabama □ **0.3%**

\$ 500 Marshall County Healthcare Authority, Alabama, Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 6.250%, 1/01/22

California □ **9.3%**

2,105 Azusa Unified School District, Los Angeles County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002, 5.375%, 7/01/21 □ FSA Insured

1,000 California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Los Angeles County Securitization Corporation, Series 2006A, 0.000%, 6/01/36

1,000 California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Sonoma County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Series 2005, 5.000%, 6/01/26

3,350 California Department of Water Resources, Power Supply Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 6.000%, 5/01/14

2,595 California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/37

1,000 California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Methodist Hospital Project, Series 2009, 6.750%, 2/01/38

295 California Statewide Financing Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Pooled Tobacco Securitization Program, Series 2002A, 5.625%, 5/01/29

Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1:

775 4.500%, 6/01/27

1,000 5.000%, 6/01/33

3,000 Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2003A-1, 6.750%, 6/01/39 (Pre-refunded 6/01/13)

3,940 Rancho Mirage Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Combined Whitewater and 1984 Project Areas, Series 2003A, 0.000%, 4/01/35 □ MBIA Insured

250 Santa Ana Unified School District, Orange County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000, 5.700%, 8/01/29 □ FGIC Insured

20,310 Total California

Colorado □ **6.9%**

1,540 Arkansas River Power Authority, Colorado, Power Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.250%, 10/01/40 □ SYNCORA GTY Insured

400 Colorado Department of Transportation, Certificates of Participation, Series 2004, 5.000%, 6/15/34 □ MBIA Insured

2,265 Colorado Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Catholic Health Initiatives, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 3/01/22 (ETM)

1,735 Colorado Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Catholic Health Initiatives, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 3/01/22 (Pre-refunded 3/01/12)

2,065 Denver City and County, Colorado, Airport System Revenue Bonds, Series 1991D, 7.750%, 11/15/13 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

3,000 Denver Convention Center Hotel Authority, Colorado, Senior Revenue Bonds, Convention Center Hotel, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 12/01/24 (Pre-refunded 12/01/13) □ SYNCORA GTY Insured

2,485 E-470 Public Highway Authority, Colorado, Toll Revenue Bonds, Series 2004B, 0.000%, 9/01/28 □ MBIA Insured

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13,490 Total Colorado

Connecticut □ **0.1%**

250 Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Bridgeport Hospital Issue, Series 1992A, 6.625%, 7/01/18 □ MBIA Insured

District of Columbia □ **0.3%**

370 District of Columbia Tobacco Settlement Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2001, 6.250%, 5/15/24

15 District of Columbia, General Obligation Bonds, Series 1993E, 6.000%, 6/01/13 □ MBIA Insured (ETM)

235 District of Columbia, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1994A-1, 6.500%, 6/01/10 □ MBIA Insured

620 Total District of Columbia

Florida □ **5.6%**

1,000 Hillsborough County Industrial Development Authority, Florida, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Tampa General Hospital, Series 2006, 5.250%, 10/01/41

5,020 JEA St. John's River Power Park System, Florida, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Issue 2, Series 2002-17, 5.000%, 10/01/18

4,000 JEA, Florida, Subordinate Lien Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2002D, 4.625%, 10/01/22

10,020 Total Florida

Georgia □ **0.1%**

265 Atlanta, Georgia, Airport Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 1990, 0.000%, 1/01/10 □ MBIA Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)

Illinois □ **19.0%**

90 Chicago Metropolitan Housing Development Corporation, Illinois, FHA-Insured Section 8 Assisted Housing Development Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1992, 6.850%, 7/01/22

1,930 Illinois Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Midwestern University, Series 2001B, 5.750%, 5/15/16 (Pre-refunded 5/15/11)

1,050 Illinois Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Loyola University of Chicago, Tender Option Bond Trust 1137, 9.186%, 7/01/46 (IF)

2,185 Illinois Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, YMCA of Southwest Illinois, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/31 □ RAAI Insured

4,445 Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Remarketed Revenue Bonds, University of Chicago Project, Series 1985A, 5.500%, 8/01/20

1,500 Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Evangelical Hospitals Corporation, Series 1992C, 6.250%, 4/15/22 (ETM)

315 Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Holy Family Medical Center, Series 1997, 5.125%, 8/15/17 □ MBIA Insured

2,225 Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare, Series 2002, 6.250%, 1/01/17

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260	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Rockford Health System, Series 1997, 5.000%, 8/15/21 ☐ AMBAC Insured
2,500	Illinois Housing Development Authority, Homeowner Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006C2, 5.050%, 8/01/27 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
5,700	Illinois, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, First Series 2002, 5.000%, 6/15/22
2,000	Illinois, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 1997X, 5.600%, 6/15/17
1,000	Kankakee & Will Counties Community Unit School District 5, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006, 0.000%, 5/01/23 ☐ FSA Insured
6,000	Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, Illinois, Revenue Refunding Bonds, McCormick Place Expansion Project, Series 2002B, 5.000%, 6/15/21 ☐ MBIA Insured
1,300	Schaumburg, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004B, 5.250%, 12/01/34 ☐ FGIC Insured
1,000	Yorkville, Illinois, General Obligation Debt Certificates, Series 2003, 5.000%, 12/15/22 (Pre-refunded 12/15/11) ☐ RAAI Insured

33,500 Total Illinois

Indiana ☐ 6.4%

1,000	Franklin Community Multi-School Building Corporation, Marion County, Indiana, First Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 7/15/22 (Pre-refunded 7/15/14) ☐ FGIC Insured
3,500	Indiana Health Facility Financing Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Methodist Hospitals Inc., Series 2001, 5.375%, 9/15/22
2,500	Indiana Health Facility Financing Authority, Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, Columbus Regional Hospital, Series 1993, 7.000%, 8/15/15 ☐ FSA Insured
2,000	Indianapolis Local Public Improvement Bond Bank, Indiana, Waterworks Project, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 7/01/33 (Pre-refunded 7/01/12) ☐ MBIA Insured
2,295	Shelbyville Central Renovation School Building Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2005, 4.375%, 7/15/25 ☐ MBIA Insured

11,295 Total Indiana

Iowa ☐ 5.5%

2,745	Iowa Finance Authority, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Care Initiatives Project, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 7/01/20
750	Iowa Tobacco Settlement Authority, Tobacco Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2005B, 5.600%, 6/01/34
	Iowa Tobacco Settlement Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B:
3,695	5.300%, 6/01/25 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)
2,850	5.600%, 6/01/35 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)

10,040 Total Iowa

Kansas ☐ 1.1%

	Lawrence, Kansas, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Series 2006:
1,425	5.125%, 7/01/26
700	4.875%, 7/01/36

2,125 Total Kansas

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Maine □ **0.1%**

120 Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Series 1999B, 6.000%, 7/01/19 □ MBIA Insured

Massachusetts □ **0.8%**

1,000 Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Resource Recovery Revenue Bonds, Ogden Haverhill Associates, Series 1998B, 5.200%, 12/01/13 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

15 Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Partners HealthCare System Inc., Series 2001C, 6.000%, 7/01/17

485 Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Partners HealthCare System Inc., Series 2001C, 6.000%, 7/01/17 (Pre-refunded 7/01/11)

1,500 Total Massachusetts

Michigan □ **2.6%**

1,500 Detroit, Michigan, Sewer Disposal System Revenue Bonds, Second Lien, Series 2006B, 4.625%, 7/01/34 □ FGIC Insured

2,900 Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, Trinity Health Credit Group, Series 2002C, 5.375%, 12/01/30

235 Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Detroit Medical Center Obligated Group, Series 1993A, 6.500%, 8/15/18

250 Royal Oak Hospital Finance Authority, Michigan, Hospital Revenue Bonds, William Beaumont Hospital, Refunding Series 2009V, 8.250%, 9/01/39

4,885 Total Michigan

Mississippi □ **0.4%**

725 Mississippi Hospital Equipment and Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Baptist Memorial Healthcare, Series 2004B-1, 5.000%, 9/01/24

Nebraska □ **2.0%**

3,500 Nebraska Public Power District, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2002B, 5.000%, 1/01/33 □ AMBAC Insured

Nevada □ **3.4%**

4,095 Director of Nevada State Department of Business and Industry, Revenue Bonds, Las Vegas Monorail Project, First Tier, Series 2000, 5.375%, 1/01/40 □ AMBAC Insured

1,680 Reno, Nevada, Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2002, 5.500%, 6/01/22 □ FGIC Insured

2,830 Reno, Nevada, Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2002, 5.500%, 6/01/22 (Pre-refunded 6/01/12) □ FGIC Insured

8,605 Total Nevada

New Hampshire □ **0.3%**

480 New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, Single Family Mortgage Acquisition Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.600%, 7/01/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

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New Jersey □ **1.6%**

Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, New Jersey, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2003:

1,000 6.750%, 6/01/39 (Pre-refunded 6/01/13)
 1,355 6.250%, 6/01/43 (Pre-refunded 6/01/13)

2,355 Total New Jersey

New Mexico □ **2.7%**

1,000 New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, St Anthony, Series 2007A, 5.250%, 9/01/42 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
 4,000 University of New Mexico, FHA-Insured Mortgage Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series 2004, 4.625%, 1/01/25 □ FSA Insured

5,000 Total New Mexico

New York □ **3.3%**

420 Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Second General Resolution Consolidated Revenue Bonds, City University System, Series 1990C, 7.500%, 7/01/10
 2,335 Long Island Power Authority, New York, Electric System General Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.375%, 9/01/21 (Pre-refunded 9/01/11)
 35 New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Series 1991B, 7.000%, 2/01/18
 1,000 New York Dorm Authority, FHA Insured Mortgage Hospital Revenue Bonds, Kaleida Health, Series 2006, 4.700%, 2/15/35
 1,850 New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed and State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds, Series 2003B-1C, 5.500%, 6/01/15

5,640 Total New York

North Carolina □ **4.3%**

5,000 North Carolina Municipal Power Agency 1, Catawba Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.250%, 1/01/18 □ MBIA Insured
 2,345 Piedmont Triad Airport Authority, North Carolina, Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.250%, 7/01/16 □ FSA Insured

7,345 Total North Carolina

Ohio □ **1.0%**

Buckeye Tobacco Settlement Financing Authority, Ohio, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Senior Lien, Series 2007A-2:

1,355 5.375%, 6/01/24
 1,000 6.000%, 6/01/42

2,355 Total Ohio

Oklahoma □ **1.6%**

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3,000 Oklahoma Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, St. John Health System, Series 2004, 5.000%, 2/15/24

Pennsylvania □ 2.3%

2,435 Dauphin County Industrial Development Authority, Pennsylvania, Water Development Revenue Refunding Bonds, Dauphin Consolidated Water Supply Company, Series 1992B, 6.700%, 6/01/17
500 Pennsylvania Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Widener University, Series 2003, 5.250%, 7/15/24
1,000 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development, Pennsylvania, Airport Revenue Bonds, Philadelphia Airport System Project, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 7/01/17 □ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)

3,935 Total Pennsylvania

Puerto Rico □ 0.6%

1,000 Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, First Subordinate Series 2009A, 6.000%, 8/01/42

South Carolina □ 3.2%

1,500 Lexington County Health Service District, South Carolina, Hospital Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2003, 6.000%, 11/01/18 (Pre-refunded 11/01/13)
1,500 Medical University Hospital Authority, South Carolina, FHA-Insured Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 8/15/20 □ MBIA Insured
520 South Carolina JOBS Economic Development Authority, Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Bon Secours Health System Inc., Series 2002A, 5.625%, 11/15/30 (Pre-refunded 11/15/12)
1,980 South Carolina JOBS Economic Development Authority, Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Bon Secours Health System Inc., Series 2002B, 5.625%, 11/15/30

5,500 Total South Carolina

South Dakota □ 1.0%

1,010 South Dakota Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Avera Health, Series 2002, 5.125%, 7/01/27 □ AMBAC Insured
1,000 South Dakota Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sioux Valley Hospitals, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 11/01/34

2,010 Total South Dakota

Tennessee □ 1.2%

2,000 Knox County Health, Educational and Housing Facilities Board, Tennessee, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Baptist Health System of East Tennessee Inc., Series 2002, 6.375%, 4/15/22

Texas □ 9.9%

1,500 Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, Travis and Williamson Counties, Toll Road Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 1/01/45 □ FGIC Insured
2,500 Harris County Health Facilities Development Corporation, Texas, Thermal Utility Revenue Bonds, TECO Project, Series 2003, 5.000%, 11/15/30 □ MBIA Insured

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4,005	Harris County-Houston Sports Authority, Texas, Senior Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A, 0.000%, 11/15/38 ☐ MBIA Insured
3,000	Houston, Texas, Subordinate Lien Airport System Revenue Bonds, Series 2002B, 5.500%, 7/01/18 ☐ FSA Insured
3,125	Katy Independent School District, Harris, Fort Bend and Waller Counties, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 2/15/32 (Pre-refunded 2/15/12)
4,750	Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency, Texas, Power Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 10/01/17 ☐ RAAI Insured
1,750	Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Water Financial Assistance Program, Series 2003A, 5.125%, 8/01/42 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
500	Victoria, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001, 5.000%, 8/15/23 ☐ FGIC Insured

21,130 Total Texas

Washington ☐ 0.3%

510 Port of Seattle, Washington, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.000%, 4/01/31 ☐ FGIC Insured

Wisconsin ☐ 1.4%

2,500 Wisconsin, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2003-3, 5.000%, 11/01/26

\$ 186,510 Total Municipal Bonds (cost \$176,395,188)

Shares Description (1)

Common Stocks ☐ 0.0%

Airlines ☐ 0.0%

220 UAL Corporation, (5)

Total Common Stocks (cost \$0)

Total Investments (cost \$176,395,188) ☐ 98.6%

Other Assets Less Liabilities ☐ 1.4%

Net Assets ☐ 100%

Fair Value Measurements

In determining the value of the Fund's investments various inputs are used. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 □ Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 □ Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 □ Significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of June 30, 2009:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$ □	\$173,585,784	\$ □	\$173,585,784
Common Stocks	702	□	□	702
Total	\$702	\$173,585,784	\$ □	\$173,586,486

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount, timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions and the treatment of investments in inverse floating rate transactions subject to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 140 (SFAS No. 140), if any. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset values of the Fund.

At June 30, 2009, the cost of investments was \$176,287,206.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at June 30, 2009, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$ 6,907,761
Depreciation	(9,608,481)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$(2,700,720)

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets.
- (2) Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.

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- (3) Ratings: Using the higher of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's") or Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's or Baa by Moody's are considered to be below investment grade.
- (4) Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Such investments are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.
- (5) On December 9, 2002, UAL Corporation ("UAL"), the holding company of United Air Lines, Inc. ("United") filed for federal bankruptcy protection. The Adviser determined that it was likely that United would not remain current on their interest payment obligations with respect to the bonds previously held and thus the Fund had stopped accruing interest on its UAL bonds. On February 1, 2006, UAL emerged from federal bankruptcy with the acceptance of its reorganization plan by the bankruptcy court. Under the settlement agreement established to meet UAL's unsecured bond obligations, the bondholders, including the Fund, received three distributions of UAL common stock over the subsequent months, and the bankruptcy court dismissed all unsecured claims of bondholders, including those of the Fund. On May 5, 2006, the Fund liquidated such UAL common stock holdings. On September 29, 2006 and May 30, 2007, the Fund received additional distributions of 532 and 172 shares, respectively, of UAL common stock as a result of its earlier ownership of the UAL bonds. The Fund liquidated 532 shares of such UAL common stock holdings on November 15, 2006. The Fund received an additional distribution of 48 UAL common stock shares on November 14, 2007. The remaining 220 shares of UAL common stock were still held by the Fund at June 30, 2009.

N/R Not rated.

(ETM) Escrowed to maturity.

(IF) Inverse floating rate investment.

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: See EX-99 CERT attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio 3

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy
Kevin J. McCarthy
Vice President and Secretary

Date August 28, 2009

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman
Gifford R. Zimmerman
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date August 28, 2009

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy
Stephen D. Foy
Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date August 28, 2009