

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND

To the Shareholders of the Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund:

The table below presents investment performance of the Fund through May 31, 2008. The market for preferred securities remains turbulent, as weakness in the U.S. economy and fallout from the dramatic decline of the housing market continue to put downward pressure on the portfolio. Over long periods of time, the relationship between preferred security prices and prices of various other types of fixed income instruments can swing dramatically. As of this writing, preferred prices are as low relative to other markets as any time in memory. We can't be certain when this trend will reverse, but there is little doubt that eventually it will — whenever an asset class gets too cheap, buyers always emerge. This pattern of weakness and recovery is familiar, and while the recent period of weakness has been long and dramatic, we believe financial companies are taking the tough steps necessary to restore confidence and create a healthy recovery.

TOTAL RETURN ON NET ASSET VALUE⁽¹⁾ FOR PERIODS ENDED MAY 31, 2008

	Actual Returns			Average Annualized Returns			
	Three Months	Six Months	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Life of Fund ⁽²⁾
Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund	-9.4%	-9.3%	-21.2%	-5.3%	0.4%	4.0%	7.4%
Lipper Domestic Investment Grade Funds ⁽³⁾	-0.4%	-0.6%	1.2%	3.7%	4.2%	5.7%	6.6%

- (1) Based on monthly data provided by Lipper Inc. in each calendar month during the relevant period. Distributions are assumed to be reinvested at NAV in accordance with Lipper's practice, which differs from the methodology used elsewhere in this report.
- (2) Since inception on February 13, 1992.
- (3) Reflects the equally-weighted average performance returns of all closed-end funds in Lipper's Domestic Investment-Grade funds category in each month during the period. The category currently includes closed-end funds in the U.S. Mortgage and Corporate Debt BBB Rated sub-categories and has included other sub-categories in prior periods. Although the investment strategies used by the Fund differ significantly from the strategies used by these other fixed-income funds, the Fund seeks to accomplish a similar objective.

As a general observation, the Fund is performing much like broader U.S. markets — while the investment performance has been negative for the entire portfolio, the worst performing positions are concentrated in the financial sector, which comprised 56% of the portfolio as of May 31, 2008.

It became apparent some time ago that most financial companies (banks, brokers, insurance companies and the housing agencies) would be hurt by the subprime mortgage crisis. The Fund had no direct exposure to subprime mortgages, and avoided companies that aggressively participated in the mortgage market and made huge (implicit or explicit) bets that housing prices would continue to rise. However, collateral damage from the subprime implosion has been widespread and touched almost every financial company in the portfolio. In our opinion, every credit currently in the Fund is a viable going concern. But several are facing tremendous challenges, fixing problems of their own doing as well as dealing with circumstances beyond their control.

It has become commonplace now for these companies to write-down the value of assets on their balance sheets, and when these write-downs become large enough, to raise new capital. Often the new capital comes from selling preferred securities. Financial companies have issued over \$100 billion of preferred securities since the beginning of the Fund's fiscal year, typically with dividend or interest rates above those available in existing markets (for perspective, these new issues have increased the size of the preferred market by nearly one-third). This is a staggering amount of new supply to come in a relatively short period of time, and as a result the prices of most preferred issues have fallen.

Recently, several financial companies have sold common stock rather than preferred securities to replace capital depleted by write-downs. This is certainly a positive trend — common stock is the cushion below preferred, so the more common stock the better. Although companies generally don't like to sell common stock (management usually thinks the market undervalues their shares), more and more are biting the bullet. Credits held by the Fund that have issued common stock include Merrill Lynch, Lehman Brothers and Citicorp. We believe the steps taken by these and other financial companies currently in the portfolio will enable them to successfully weather the current credit storm.

Someone unfamiliar with PFO may wonder why we own any financial positions. Please remember that by our offering prospectus, at least 80% of the Fund's investments must be in preferred securities. And, since roughly 85% of the preferred securities universe is comprised of financial issuers, owning only preferred securities of non-financial issuers is not a viable option. With its mandate to invest at least 25% of assets in utilities, the Fund does own a disproportionately large percentage of non-financials, but it would not be possible to avoid financials and still maintain a diversified portfolio of quality holdings.

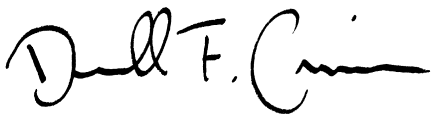
In fact, even non-financial investments have been impacted by the weakness in financials. The higher yields now available on financial issues have induced some investors to sell holdings in non-financial credits. So, while on the whole non-financial preferred securities have out-performed those of financial issuers, their returns still have been disappointing.

The Fund's interest-rate hedges did little to offset the drop in prices of the preferred positions. Prices of long-term U.S. Treasury bonds were generally flat during the period, and as a result the impact of the hedge was neutral. (As a reminder, the hedge is designed to protect against substantial increases in yields on long-term Treasury bonds or similar investments. The hedging strategy typically will not provide protection against the scenario in which preferred securities dramatically underperform Treasury bonds.)

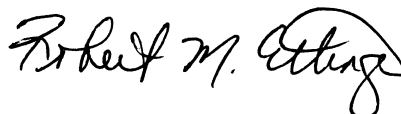
The Fund's strategy of employing leverage produced mixed results during the first half of the year. The leverage did enhance income earned by the Fund, enabling us to meet the objective of high current income for shareholders. On the flip side, leverage magnified the drop in value of the investment portfolio. These subjects are addressed in greater detail in the section that follows.

As always, we encourage readers to learn more about the Fund by reading the discussion topics which follow and visiting the Fund's website at www.preferredincome.com.

Sincerely,

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Donald F. Crumrine
Chairman of the Board

Handwritten signature of Robert M. Ettinger in black ink.

Robert M. Ettinger
President

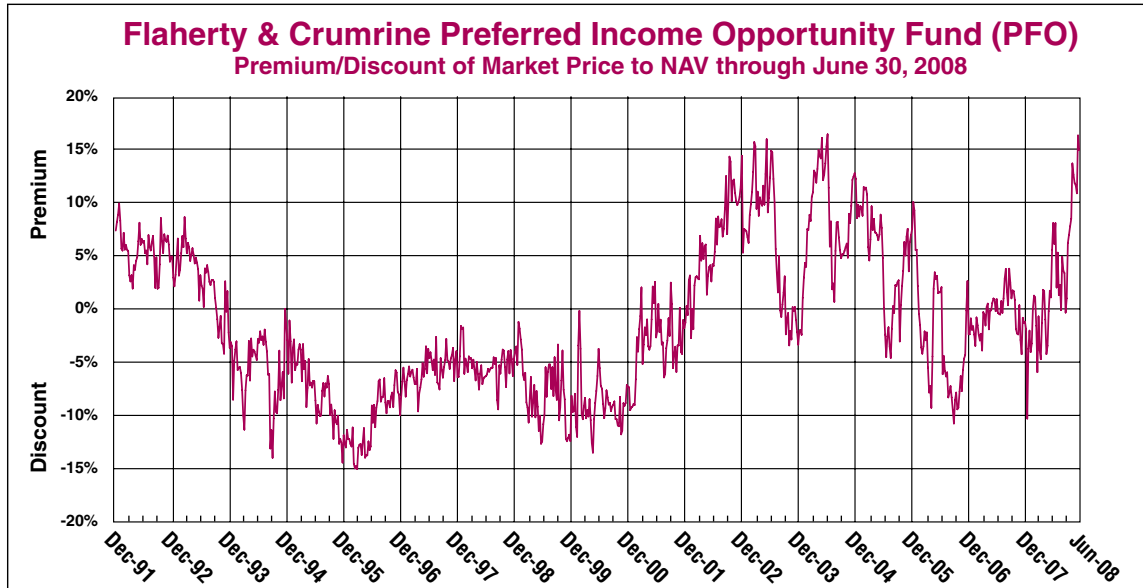
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DISCUSSION TOPICS

Market Total Return

An investor's actual total return is comprised of monthly dividend payments plus changes in the Fund's market price. For the six months ended May 31, 2008, the total return on *market value* for the Fund's common shares was 0.3%. During the three months ended May 31 alone, total return on *market value* was 0.7%.

We've often said that in a perfect world market prices would closely track net asset values; however, as seen in the chart below, in the real world deviations can be large. Over recent months, shareholders saw some significant volatility in the relationship between net asset value and market price.



The Fund's Preferred Securities Portfolio and Components of Total Return on NAV

The table below reflects the performance of each investment category used by the Fund to achieve its objective, namely: (a) investing in a portfolio of securities; (b) hedging that portfolio of securities against significant increases in long-term U.S. Treasury interest rates; and (c) using leverage to enhance returns to common stock shareholders. The table then adjusts for the impact of the Fund's expenses to arrive at a total return on NAV (which factors in all of these items).

**Components of PFO's Total Return on NAV
for Six Months Ended May 31, 2008**

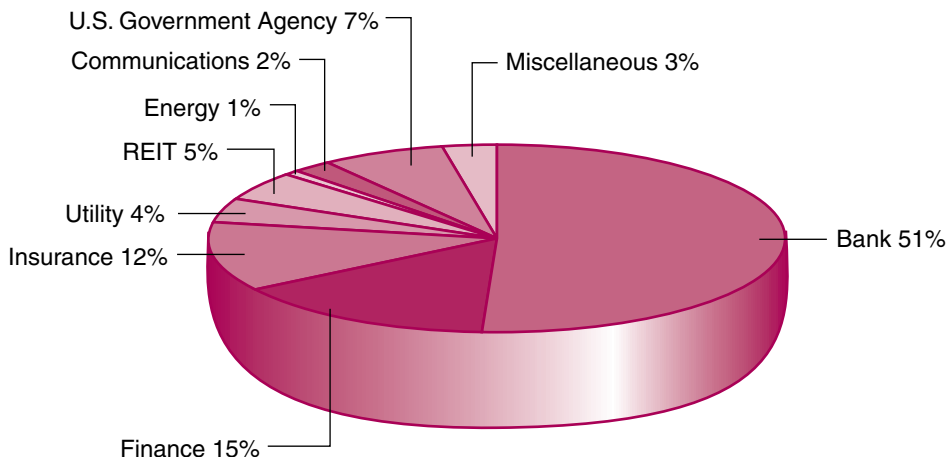
Total Return on Unleveraged Securities Portfolio (including principal and income) ..	(4.21)%
Return from Interest Rate Hedging Strategy	0.00%
Impact of Leverage	(4.07)%
Expenses	(1.03)%
<i>Total Return on NAV</i>	<i>(9.31)%</i>

While the Fund's strategy of using leverage continues to provide Common Stock shareholders with additional income, this strategy does amplify changes in principal — both positively and negatively. Consequently, for the six months ended May 31, 2008, leverage, in effect, doubled the losses suffered in the portfolio.

Structure of Preferred Securities Market

As indicated in the shareholder letter, the preferred securities market is dominated by financial issuers such as banks, insurance companies and broker-dealers. The following chart illustrates the various types of issuers of preferred securities using market information maintained by the Fund's adviser, Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated.

Preferred Market Industry Breakdown as Percentage of Total \$436 Billion Outstanding 7/1/2008



Special Shareholders Meeting and Leverage

The Fund has leveraged the returns to common stock shareholders through the issuance of Auction Preferred Stock ("APS"). APS pay dividends which are reset periodically through a Dutch auction process. In the past, rates paid on APS have correlated well with short-term market benchmarks, and have been well below what the Fund earned on its investments. This positive "spread" between the Fund's investments and the cost of the APS is passed on to common stock shareholders as additional income.

The APS issued by the Fund are highly rated by the rating agencies: Aa1 by Moody's and AAA by Fitch. In order to maintain these ratings, the Fund maintains sufficient asset coverage relative to the APS and any other liabilities of the Fund at all times. Further, under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") the market value of the assets of the Fund must exceed the amount of APS outstanding by at least two times.

In February, the entire auction-rate securities market collapsed, as there were not sufficient buyers to reach a clearing level in the auctions. Under the terms of the APS, the Fund must pay dividends according to a maximum rate formula if the auction does not find a clearing level. Maximum rates on the APS are high relative to the short-term benchmarks to which they are often compared. However, they are currently lower

than the rates paid by the Fund in late 2007, primarily due to the easing of monetary policy by the Federal Reserve that led all short-term interest rates lower.

While the Fund is not obligated to redeem the APS by their terms and may continue to pay maximum rates, continuous failed auctions over a long period of time may not be in the best interest of the Fund or either the holders of the APS or the common stock of the Funds.

With this in mind, the Board of Directors and Fund management began evaluating refinancing options. In May 2008, the Fund held a special shareholders meeting which approved changes to the Fund's investment policies and advisory agreement, which are intended to give the Fund greater flexibility in responding to the turbulence in the auction market that sets the rates paid on the APS. As a result of these changes, the Fund now has the option of using borrowing or other debt financing as a means of leverage.

Since the shareholders meeting, the combination of financing availability, asset coverage and rating agency considerations has so far prevented the Fund from refinancing its leverage. The Fund continues to evaluate liquidity solutions that could enable it to redeem some or all of the APS consistent with the interests of all Fund shareholders; however, it is not certain when, or if, those liquidity solutions will be available to APS holders.

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

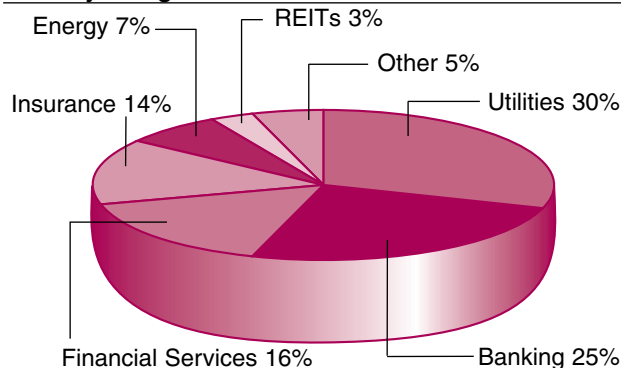
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Fund Statistics on 5/31/08

Net Asset Value	\$	8.80
Market Price	\$	9.90
Premium		12.50%
Yield on Market Price		8.24%
Common Stock Shares Outstanding		11,803,337

Industry Categories

% of Portfolio



Moody's Ratings

% of Portfolio

AA	3.2%
A	21.3%
BBB	47.8%
BB	23.1%
Below "BB"	0.4%
Not Rated	4.2%
Below Investment Grade*	19.8%

* Below investment grade by both Moody's and S&P.

Top 10 Holdings by Issuer

% of Portfolio

Interstate Power & Light	5.5%
Merrill Lynch	4.9%
Liberty Mutual Group	4.2%
Banco Santander	3.1%
Goldman Sachs	3.1%
Puget Energy	2.9%
Entergy Louisiana	2.6%
SLM Corp	2.4%
CIT Group	2.4%
Midamerican Energy	2.3%

% of Portfolio**

Holdings Generating Qualified Dividend Income (QDI) for Individuals	56%
Holdings Generating Income Eligible for the Corporate Dividends Received Deduction (DRD)	50%

** This does not reflect year-end results or actual tax categorization of Fund distributions. These percentages can, and do, change, perhaps significantly, depending on market conditions. Investors should consult their tax advisor regarding their personal situation.

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

May 31, 2008 (Unaudited)

<u>Shares/\$ Par</u>		<u>Value</u>
Preferred Securities — 93.8%		
Banking — 24.6%		
\$ 3,000,000	Astoria Capital Trust I, 9.75% 11/01/29, Series B	\$ 3,139,800
	Banco Santander:	
195,600	6.50% Pfd.	4,168,725** ⁽¹⁾
56,800	6.80% Pfd.	1,299,300** ⁽¹⁾
\$ 2,400,000	Capital One Capital III, 7.686% 08/15/36	1,999,680
\$ 4,500,000	CBG Florida REIT Corporation, 7.114%, 144A****	1,848,150
	Citigroup, Inc.:	
25,000	8.125% Pfd., Series AA	615,625*
12,500	8.50% Pfd., Series F	311,250*
19,648	Citizens Funding Trust I, 7.50% Pfd. 09/15/66	320,704
45,000	Cobank, ACB, 7.00% Pfd., 144A****	1,984,500*
\$ 3,500,000	Comerica Capital Trust II, 6.576% 02/20/37	2,404,150
4,500	FBOP Corporation, Adj. Rate Pfd., 144A****	3,442,500*
\$ 2,250,000	First Hawaiian Capital I, 8.343% 07/01/27, Series B	2,166,525 ⁽¹⁾
\$ 450,000	HBOS PLC, 6.657%, 144A****	350,010** ⁽¹⁾
4,400	HSBC Series II, Variable Inverse Pfd., Pvt.	1,834,800*
2,500	HSBC USA, Inc., \$2.8575 Pfd.	107,400*
\$ 250,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., 7.90%, Series I	246,525*
60,000	Keycorp Capital IX, 6.75% Pfd. 12/15/66	1,208,550
99,000	National City Corporation, 9.875% Pfd.	2,232,450*
28,000	PFGI Capital Corporation, 7.75% Pfd.	537,320
\$ 3,300,000	PNC Financial Services, 8.25%, Series K	3,280,200*
\$ 2,500,000	Regions Financing Trust II, 6.625% 05/15/47	1,793,000
3,200	Regions Financing Trust III, 8.875% Pfd. 06/15/78	82,272
10	Roslyn Real Estate, 8.95% Pfd., Series C, 144A****	939,493
80,500	Sovereign Bancorp, 7.30% Pfd., Series C	1,630,125*
20,375	Sovereign Capital Trust V, 7.75% Pfd. 05/22/36	441,373 ⁽²⁾
\$ 600,000	Sovereign Capital Trust VI, 7.908% 06/13/36	489,660
650	Sovereign REIT, 12.00% Pfd., Series A, 144A****	632,138
	U.S. Bancorp, Auction Pass-Through Trust, Cl. B:	
9	Series 2006-5, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A****	0*†
9	Series 2006-6, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A****	0*†
60,000	Wachovia Corporation, 8.00% Pfd., Series J	1,487,400*
\$ 900,000	Washington Mutual Preferred Funding IV, 9.75%, 144A****	782,460
\$ 1,400,000	Webster Capital Trust IV, 7.65% 06/15/37	942,620
		<u>42,718,705</u>

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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<u>Shares/\$ Par</u>		<u>Value</u>
Preferred Securities — (continued)		
Financial Services — 16.1%		
	CIT Group, Inc.:	
10,000	5.189% Pfd., Series B	\$ 506,250*
261,200	6.35% Pfd., Series A	3,579,093*
160,000	Countrywide Capital IV, 6.75% Pfd.	2,974,800 ⁽²⁾
12,000	Countrywide Capital V, 7.00% Pfd. 11/01/36	217,500
890	First Republic Preferred Capital Corporation, 10.50% Pfd., 144A****	970,714
22,500	First Republic Preferred Capital Corporation II, 8.75% Pfd., Series B, 144A**** ...	571,725
	Goldman Sachs:	
163,200	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series D	3,274,200*
24,680	Cabco Trust Capital I, Adj. Rate Pfd. 02/15/34	441,927
11	Pass-Through Certificates, Class B, 144A****	387,200*†
3,500	STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt.	1,340,500*
	Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc.:	
15,000	5.67% Pfd., Series D	517,500*
93,400	7.95% Pfd.	2,148,200*
	Merrill Lynch:	
112,000	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series 5	1,788,506*
3,000	Series II STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt.	30*†
200,000	6.25% Pfd.	4,088,000*
5,000	6.70% Pfd.	114,800*
43,000	8.625% Pfd., Series 8	1,069,840*
	SLM Corporation:	
4,000	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series B	231,250*
94,150	6.97% Pfd., Series A	3,872,390*
		<u>28,094,425</u>
Insurance — 11.5%		
\$ 1,000,000	AMBAC Financial Group, Inc., 6.15% 02/15/37	328,500
\$ 3,250,000	AON Capital Trust A, 8.205% 01/01/27	3,117,075
	Arch Capital Group Ltd.:	
10,000	7.875% Pfd., Series B	247,188 ^{**} (1)
24,400	8.00% Pfd., Series A	613,721 ^{**} (1)
	Axis Capital Holdings:	
12,100	7.25% Pfd., Series A	284,350 ^{**} (1)
24,700	7.50% Pfd., Series B	2,205,216 ⁽¹⁾
90,000	Delphi Financial Group, 7.376% Pfd. 05/15/37	1,830,942

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<u>Shares/\$ Par</u>		<u>Value</u>
Preferred Securities — (continued)		
Insurance — (continued)		
\$ 2,500,000	Everest Re Holdings, 6.60% 05/15/37	\$ 1,992,250
	Liberty Mutual Group:	
\$ 4,500,000	7.80% 03/15/37, 144A****	3,542,850
\$ 250,000	10.75% 06/15/58, 144A****	248,150
\$ 500,000	MetLife Capital Trust X, 9.25% 04/08/38, 144A****	553,800
38,400	MetLife, Inc., 6.50% Pfd., Series B	867,602*
\$ 200,000	PartnerRe Finance II, 6.44% 12/01/66	164,880 ⁽¹⁾
	Renaissancere Holdings Ltd.:	
32,950	6.08% Pfd., Series C	628,357** ⁽¹⁾
76,000	6.60% Pfd., Series D	1,589,920** ⁽¹⁾
115,500	Scottish Re Group Ltd., 7.25% Pfd.	613,594** ^{(1)†}
\$ 1,060,000	USF&G Capital, 8.312% 07/01/46, 144A****	1,125,720
		<u>19,954,115</u>
Utilities — 30.4%		
	Alabama Power Company:	
4,980	4.60% Pfd.	374,446*
6,485	4.72% Pfd.	500,383*
868	4.92% Pfd.	69,813*
1,579	Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, 6.70% Pfd., Series 1993	156,353*
92,000	Calenergy Capital Trust III, 6.50% Pfd. 09/01/27	4,027,760
5,560	Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, 8.30% Sinking Fund Pfd., Pvt.	572,791*
	Connecticut Light & Power Company:	
2,050	4.50% Pfd., Series 1956	73,882*
25,000	5.28% Pfd., Series 1967	1,071,500*
2,000	Consolidated Edison Company of New York, 4.65% Pfd., Series C	161,720*
\$ 1,750,000	Dominion Resources, Inc., 7.50%	1,632,225
15,030	Duquesne Light Company, 3.75% Pfd.	456,160*
90,000	Entergy Arkansas, Inc., 6.45% Pfd.	2,161,800*
46,000	Entergy Louisiana, Inc., 6.95% Pfd.	4,525,020*
5,000	Entergy Mississippi, Inc., 4.92% Pfd.	420,400*
4,400	Florida Power Company, 4.75% Pfd.	362,208*
	Georgia Power Company:	
8,900	6.125% Pfd.	220,186*
6,500	6.50% Pfd., Series 07-A	638,820*

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<u>Shares/\$ Par</u>		<u>Value</u>
Preferred Securities — (continued)		
Utilities — (continued)		
2,000	Great Plains Energy, Inc., 4.35% Pfd.	\$ 154,560*
	Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.:	
2,471	5.00% Pfd., Series D	41,158*
7,438	5.00% Pfd., Series E	123,890*
1,383	5.00% Pfd., Series I	23,036*
30,500	Indianapolis Power & Light Company, 5.65% Pfd.	2,606,530*
340,000	Interstate Power & Light Company, 8.375% Pfd., Series B	9,615,200*
24,985	Pacific Enterprises, \$4.50 Pfd.	1,948,330*
\$ 1,500,000	PECO Energy Capital Trust III, 7.38% 04/06/28, Series D	1,462,500
14,020	Public Service Electric & Gas Company, 5.28% Pfd., Series E	1,304,982*
\$ 5,750,000	Puget Sound Energy, Inc., 6.974% 06/01/67	4,978,350
70,210	San Diego Gas & Electric Company, \$1.70 Pfd.	1,843,012*
	South Carolina Electric & Gas Company:	
13,711	5.125% Purchase Fund Pfd., Pvt.	705,979*
7,774	6.00% Purchase Fund Pfd., Pvt.	396,474*
	Southern California Edison:	
25,000	6.00% Pfd., Series C	2,263,000*
10,000	6.125% Pfd.	929,000*
	Southern Union Company:	
\$ 1,250,000	7.20% 11/01/66	1,040,500
13,575	7.55% Pfd.	345,314*
\$ 750,000	TXU Electric Capital V, 8.175% 01/30/37	612,450
	Union Electric Company:	
5,700	4.56% Pfd.	432,744*
10,156	\$7.64 Pfd.	1,000,874*
	Virginia Electric & Power Company:	
3,878	\$6.98 Pfd.	394,858*
12,500	\$7.05 Pfd.	1,266,798*
2,262	Washington Gas & Light Company, \$4.25 Pfd.	169,356*
\$ 1,700,000	Wisconsin Energy Corporation, 6.25% 05/15/67	1,480,360
10,000	Xcel Energy, Inc., 7.60% Pfd.	253,125
		<u>52,817,847</u>

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<u>Shares/\$ Par</u>	<u>Value</u>
Preferred Securities — (continued)	
Energy — 5.8%	
\$ 4,000,000	Enbridge Energy Partners LP, 8.05% 10/01/37
	\$ 3,769,472
\$ 2,500,000	Enterprise Products Partners, 7.034% 01/15/68
	2,184,617
3,000	Kinder Morgan GP, Inc., 8.33% Pfd., 144A****
	3,055,320*
10,000	Lasmo America Limited, 8.15% Pfd., 144A****
	1,020,000*(1)
	<u>10,029,409</u>
Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) — 3.0%	
12,600	BRE Properties, Inc., 6.75% Pfd., Series D
	279,957
65,000	Duke Realty Corporation, 8.375% Pfd., Series O
	1,632,800
10,000	PS Business Parks, Inc., 6.70% Pfd., Series P
	210,625(2)
	Public Storage, Inc.:
3,200	6.45% Pfd., Series X
	69,000
122,400	6.625% Pfd., Series M
	2,681,331
10,500	6.75% Pfd., Series E
	237,891
5,500	6.75% Pfd., Series L
	124,094
	<u>5,235,698</u>
Miscellaneous Industries — 2.4%	
13,600	E.I. Du Pont de Nemours and Company, \$4.50 Pfd., Series B
	1,101,872*
35,000	Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., 6.25% Pfd., 144A****
	3,124,450*
	<u>4,226,322</u>
Total Preferred Securities	
	(Cost \$189,884,856)
	<u>163,076,521</u>
Corporate Debt Securities — 3.1%	
Insurance — 2.1%	
\$ 4,417,000	Liberty Mutual Insurance, 7.697% 10/15/97, 144A****
	3,559,660
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Energy — 1.0%	
71,900	Nexen, Inc., 7.35% Subordinated Notes
	1,772,788(1)
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Total Corporate Debt Securities	
	(Cost \$6,205,282)
	<u>5,332,448</u>

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<u>Shares/\$ Par</u>	<u>Value</u>
Option Contracts — 0.3%	
330 September Put Options on September U.S. Treasury Bond Futures, Expiring 08/23/08	\$ 577,500†
Total Option Contracts (Cost \$347,038)	<u>577,500</u>
Money Market Fund — 2.2%	
3,752,201 BlackRock Provident Institutional, TempFund	3,752,201
Total Money Market Fund (Cost \$3,752,201)	<u>3,752,201</u>
Securities Lending Collateral — 2.0%	
3,493,250 BlackRock Institutional Money Market Trust	3,493,250
Total Securities Lending Collateral (Cost \$3,493,250)	<u>3,493,250</u>
Total Investments (Cost \$203,682,627**)	101.4% 176,231,920
Other Assets And Liabilities (Net)	<u>(1.4)% (2,414,112)</u>
Total Net Assets Available to Common and Preferred Stock	<u>100.0%‡ \$ 173,817,808</u>
Auction Preferred Stock (APS) Redemption Value	<u>(70,000,000)</u>
Total Net Assets Available To Common Stock	<u>\$ 103,817,808</u>

* Securities eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction and distributing Qualified Dividend Income.

** Securities distributing Qualified Dividend Income only.

*** Aggregate cost of securities held.

**** Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration to qualified institutional buyers. These securities have been determined to be liquid under the guidelines established by the Board of Directors.

(1) Foreign Issuer.

(2) All or a portion of this security is on loan.

† Non-income producing.

‡ The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock.

ABBREVIATIONS:

Pfd. — Preferred Securities

Pvt. — Private Placement Securities

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

May 31, 2008 (Unaudited)

ASSETS:

Investments, at value (Cost \$203,682,627) including \$3,391,609 of securities on loan	\$176,231,920
Dividends and interest receivable	1,782,811
Prepaid expenses	<u>72,073</u>
Total Assets	178,086,804

LIABILITIES:

Payable for securities lending collateral	\$ 3,493,250
Dividends payable to Common Stock Shareholders	84,479
Investment advisory fee payable	84,913
Administration, Transfer Agent and Custodian fees payable	44,201
Professional fees payable	133,358
Directors' fees payable	3,584
Accrued expenses and other payables	65,197
Accumulated undeclared distributions to Auction Preferred Stock Shareholders	<u>360,014</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>4,268,996</u>

Auction Preferred Stock (700 shares outstanding) redemption value	<u>70,000,000</u>
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK \$103,817,808

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK consist of:

Distributions in excess of net investment income	\$ (1,245,861)
Accumulated net realized loss on investments sold	(4,015,722)
Unrealized depreciation of investments	(27,450,707)
Par value of Common Stock	118,033
Paid-in capital in excess of par value of Common Stock	<u>136,412,065</u>
Total Net Assets Available to Common Stock	<u><u>\$103,817,808</u></u>

NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK:

Common Stock (11,803,337 shares outstanding)	<u><u>\$ 8.80</u></u>
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Six Months Ended May 31, 2008 (Unaudited)

INVESTMENT INCOME:

Dividends†		\$ 5,071,140
Interest		<u>2,070,723</u>
Total Investment Income		7,141,863

EXPENSES:

Investment advisory fee	\$ 515,928	
Administrator’s fee	92,516	
Auction Preferred Stock broker commissions and auction agent fees	90,708	
Professional fees	141,708	
Insurance expense	71,924	
Transfer Agent fees	47,661	
Directors’ fees	39,345	
Custodian fees	11,997	
Compliance fees	19,802	
Other	<u>116,261</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>1,147,850</u>

NET INVESTMENT INCOME 5,994,013

REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS

Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold during the period	(101,048)
Net realized gain/(loss) from written options during the period	(57,579)
Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments	<u>(14,771,850)</u>

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS (14,930,477)

DISTRIBUTIONS TO AUCTION PREFERRED STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:

From net investment income (including changes in accumulated undeclared distributions)	<u>(2,094,177)</u>
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NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS TO COMMON STOCK

RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS \$(11,030,641)

† For Federal income tax purposes, a significant portion of this amount may not qualify for the inter-corporate dividends received deduction (“DRD”) or as qualified dividend income (“QDI”) for individuals.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK

	Six Months Ended May 31, 2008 (Unaudited)	Year Ended November 30, 2007
OPERATIONS:		
Net investment income	\$ 5,994,013	\$ 12,431,906
Net realized loss on investments sold during the period.	(158,627)	(1,720,220)
Change in net unrealized depreciation of investments	(14,771,850)	(26,931,948)
Distributions to APS* Shareholders from net investment income, including changes in accumulated undeclared distributions	<u>(2,094,177)</u>	<u>(3,357,998)</u>
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	(11,030,641)	(19,578,260)
DISTRIBUTIONS:		
Dividends paid from net investment income to Common Stock Shareholders ⁽¹⁾	<u>(4,805,780)</u>	<u>(9,284,238)</u>
Total Distributions to Common Stock Shareholders	(4,805,780)	(9,284,238)
FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS:		
Increase from shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.	<u>567,796</u>	<u>591,605</u>
Net increase in net assets available to Common Stock resulting from Fund share transactions	567,796	591,605
NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK FOR THE PERIOD	<u>\$ (15,268,625)</u>	<u>\$ (28,270,893)</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK:		
Beginning of period	\$ 119,086,433	\$ 147,357,326
Net decrease in net assets during the period	<u>(15,268,625)</u>	<u>(28,270,893)</u>
End of period (including distributions in excess of net investment income (\$1,245,861) and (\$339,917), respectively)	<u>\$ 103,817,808</u>	<u>\$ 119,086,433</u>

* Auction Preferred Stock (formerly known as Money Market Cumulative Preferred™ Stock).

⁽¹⁾ May include income earned, but not paid out, in prior fiscal year.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**For a Common Stock share outstanding throughout each period.**

Contained below is per share operating performance data, total investment returns, ratios to average net assets, and other supplemental data. This information has been derived from information provided in the financial statements and market price data for the Fund's shares.

	Six Months Ended May 31, 2008 (Unaudited)	Year Ended November 30,				
		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 10.14	\$ 12.60	\$ 12.14	\$ 12.27	\$ 12.59	\$ 10.78
INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:						
Net investment income	0.51	1.06	1.02	0.96	0.98	1.02
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments	(1.26)	(2.44)	0.49	(0.01)	(0.27)	1.85
DISTRIBUTIONS TO APS* SHAREHOLDERS:						
From net investment income	(0.18)	(0.29)	(0.25)	(0.17)	(0.09)	(0.08)
Total from investment operations	(0.93)	(1.67)	1.26	0.78	0.62	2.79
DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:						
From net investment income	(0.41)	(0.79)	(0.80)	(0.91)	(0.94)	(0.98)
Total distributions to Common Stock Shareholders	(0.41)	(0.79)	(0.80)	(0.91)	(0.94)	(0.98)
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 8.80	\$ 10.14	\$ 12.60	\$ 12.14	\$ 12.27	\$ 12.59
Market value, end of period	\$ 9.90	\$ 10.30	\$ 12.42	\$ 11.53	\$ 13.53	\$ 13.51
Total investment return based on net asset value**	(9.40%)****	(13.90%)	11.02%	6.36%	4.68%	26.57%
Total investment return based on market value**	0.34%****	(11.28%)	15.22%	(8.40%)	7.57%	24.92%
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:						
Total net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$103,818	\$ 119,086	\$147,357	\$141,717	\$142,145	\$144,303
Operating expenses	2.07%***	1.56%	1.52%	1.53%	1.52%	1.54%
Net investment income †	7.02%***	6.53%	6.34%	6.30%	7.11%	7.85%
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:††						
Portfolio turnover rate	38%****	60%	68%	57%	28%	28%
Total net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock, end of period (in 000's)	\$173,818	\$ 189,086	\$217,357	\$211,717	\$212,145	\$214,411
Ratio of operating expenses to total average net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock	1.27%***	1.04%	1.02%	1.03%	1.03%	1.02%

* Auction Preferred Stock (formerly known as Money Market Cumulative Preferred™ Stock).

** Assumes reinvestment of distributions at the price obtained by the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.

*** Annualized.

**** Not Annualized.

† The net investment income ratios reflect income net of operating expenses and payments to APS* Shareholders.

†† Information presented under heading Supplemental Data includes APS*.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

Per Share of Common Stock (Unaudited)

	<u>Total Dividends Paid</u>	<u>Net Asset Value</u>	<u>NYSE Closing Price</u>	<u>Dividend Reinvestment Price (1)</u>
December 31, 2007	\$0.0680	\$9.64	\$9.46	\$9.64
January 31, 2008	0.0680	10.23	10.25	10.23
February 29, 2008	0.0680	9.94	10.06	9.94
March 31, 2008	0.0680	8.65	9.09	8.65
April 30, 2008	0.0680	8.93	9.47	9.00
May 31, 2008	0.0680	8.80	9.90	9.41

(1) Whenever the net asset value per share of the Fund's Common Stock is less than or equal to the market price per share on the reinvestment date, new shares issued will be valued at the higher of net asset value or 95% of the then current market price. Otherwise, the reinvestment shares of Common Stock will be purchased in the open market.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

The table below sets out information with respect to Auction Preferred Stock currently outstanding.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Shares Outstanding (1)</u>	<u>Asset Coverage Per Share (2)</u>	<u>Involuntary Liquidation Preference Per Share (3)</u>
05/31/08*	700	\$248,825	\$100,000
11/30/07	700	270,894	100,000
11/30/06	700	310,819	100,000
11/30/05	700	302,788	100,000
11/30/04	700	303,137	100,000
11/30/03	700	306,301	100,000

(1) See note 6.

(2) Calculated by subtracting the Fund's total liabilities (excluding the APS and accumulated undeclared distributions to APS) from the Fund's total assets and dividing that amount by the number of APS shares outstanding.

(3) Excludes accumulated undeclared dividends.

* Unaudited.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. Organization

Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated (the “Fund”) was incorporated as a Maryland corporation on December 10, 1991, and commenced operations on February 13, 1992 as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). The Fund’s investment objective is to provide its common shareholders with high current income consistent with the preservation of capital.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The preparation of the financial statements is in conformity with the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“US GAAP”) and requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Portfolio valuation: The net asset value of the Fund’s Common Stock is determined by the Fund’s Administrator no less frequently than on the last business day of each week and month. It is determined by dividing the value of the Fund’s net assets available to Common Stock by the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding. The value of the Fund’s net assets available to Common Stock is deemed to equal the value of the Fund’s total assets less (i) the Fund’s liabilities and (ii) the aggregate liquidation value of the outstanding Auction Preferred Stock (“APS”).

The Fund’s preferred and debt securities are valued on the basis of current market quotations provided by independent pricing services or dealers approved by the Board of Directors of the Fund. Each quotation is based on the mean of the bid and asked prices of a security. In determining the value of a particular preferred or debt security, a pricing service or dealer may use information with respect to transactions in such investments, quotations, market transactions in comparable investments, various relationships observed in the market between investments, and/or calculated yield measures based on valuation technology commonly employed in the market for such investments. Common stocks that are traded on stock exchanges are valued at the last sale price or official close price on the exchange, as of the close of business on the day the securities are being valued or, lacking any sales, at the last available mean price. Futures contracts and option contracts on futures contracts are valued on the basis of the settlement price for such contracts on the primary exchange on which they trade. Investments in over-the-counter derivative instruments, such as interest rate swaps and options thereon (“swaptions”), are valued using prices supplied by a pricing service, or if such prices are unavailable, prices provided by a single broker or dealer that is not the counterparty or, if no such prices are available, at a price at which the counterparty to the contract would repurchase the instrument or terminate the contract. Investments for which market quotations are not readily available or for which management determines that the prices are not reflective of current market conditions are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Fund, including reference to valuations of other securities which are comparable in quality, maturity and type.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

Investments in money market instruments and all debt and preferred securities which mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost. Investments in money market funds are valued at the net asset value of such funds.

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 “Fair Value Measurements” (“SFAS 157”) effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. This standard clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about the use of fair value measurements. The Fund has adopted SFAS 157 as of December 1, 2007. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under SFAS 157 are described 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 the Fund’s own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund’s net assets as of May 31, 2008 is as follows:

Valuation Inputs	Investments in Securities (Market Value)	Other Financial Instruments (Unrealized Appreciation/ Depreciation)*
Level 1 – Quoted Prices - Investments	\$ 49,037,886	\$ —
Level 2 – Other Significant Observable Inputs	123,700,784	—
Level 3 – Significant Unobservable Inputs	—	—
Total	\$172,738,670	\$ —

* Other financial instruments are derivative instruments not reflected in the Schedule of Investments, such as futures, forwards and swaps which are valued at the unrealized appreciation/depreciation on the investment. As of May 31, 2008 the Fund does not have any other financial instruments.

Securities transactions and investment income: Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities sold are recorded on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recorded on ex-dividend dates. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. The Fund also amortizes premiums and accretes discounts on fixed income securities using the effective yield method.

Options: Purchases of options are recorded as an investment, the value of which is marked-to-market at each valuation date. When the Fund enters into a closing sale transaction, the Fund will record a gain or loss depending on the difference between the purchase and sale price. The risks associated with purchasing options and the maximum loss the Fund would incur are limited to the purchase price originally paid.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

When the Fund writes an option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Fund is recorded as a liability, the value of which is marked-to-market at each valuation date. When a written option expires, the Fund realizes a gain equal to the amount of the premium originally received. When the Fund enters into a closing purchase transaction, the Fund realizes a gain (or loss if the cost of the closing purchase transaction exceeds the premium received when the option was written) without regard to any unrealized gain or loss on the underlying security, and the liability related to such option is eliminated. When a call option is exercised, the Fund realizes a gain or loss from the sale of the underlying security and the proceeds from such sale are increased by the amount of the premium originally received. When a put option is exercised, the amount of the premium originally received will reduce the cost of the security which the Fund purchased upon exercise.

The risk in writing a call option is that the Fund may forego the opportunity for profit if the market price of the underlying security increases and the option is exercised. The risk in writing a put option is that the Fund may incur a loss if the market price of the underlying security decreases and the option is exercised.

Repurchase agreements: The Fund may engage in repurchase agreement transactions. The Fund's investment adviser reviews and approves the eligibility of the banks and dealers with which the Fund may enter into repurchase agreement transactions. The value of the collateral underlying such transactions is at least equal at all times to the total amount of the repurchase obligations, including interest. The Fund maintains possession of the collateral through its custodian and, in the event of counterparty default, the Fund has the right to use the collateral to offset losses incurred. There is the possibility of loss to the Fund in the event the Fund is delayed or prevented from exercising its rights to dispose of the collateral securities.

Federal income taxes: The Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company by complying with the requirements under subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies and intends to distribute substantially all of its taxable net investment income to its shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

In June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation 48 ("FIN 48"), "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes." This standard defines the threshold for recognizing the benefits of tax-return positions in the financial statements as "more-likely-than-not" to be sustained upon challenge by the taxing authority and requires measurement of a tax position meeting the more-likely-than-not criterion, based on the largest benefit that is more than 50 percent likely to be realized. FIN 48 became effective as of the beginning of the first fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2006, with early application permitted if no interim financial statements have been issued. At adoption, companies must adjust their financial statements to reflect only those tax positions that are more likely-than-not to be sustained as of the adoption date. As of May 31, 2008, the Fund has evaluated the adoption of FIN 48 and determined that there is no material impact on the financial statements.

Dividends and distributions to shareholders: The Fund expects to declare dividends on a monthly basis to shareholders of Common Stock ("Shareholders"). Distributions to Shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Any net realized short-term capital gains will be distributed to Shareholders at least annually. Any net realized long-term capital gains may be distributed to Shareholders at least annually

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

or may be retained by the Fund as determined by the Fund's Board of Directors. Capital gains retained by the Fund are subject to tax at the capital gains corporate tax rate. Subject to the Fund qualifying as a regulated investment company, any taxes paid by the Fund on such net realized long-term capital gains may be used by the Fund's Shareholders as a credit against their own tax liabilities. The Fund may pay distributions in excess of the Fund's net investment company taxable income and this excess would be a tax-free return of capital distributed from the Fund's assets.

Income and capital gain distributions are determined and characterized in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from US GAAP. These differences are primarily due to (1) differing treatments of income and gains on various investment securities held by the Fund, including timing differences, (2) the attribution of expenses against certain components of taxable investment income, and (3) federal regulations requiring proportionate allocation of income and gains to all classes of shareholders.

Distributions from net realized gains for book purposes may include short-term capital gains, which are included as ordinary income for tax purposes, and may exclude amortization of premium on certain fixed income securities, which are not reflected in ordinary income for tax purposes. The tax character of distributions paid, including changes in accumulated undeclared distributions to APS Shareholders, during 2008 and 2007 was as follows:

	<u>Distributions paid in fiscal year 2008</u>		<u>Distributions paid in fiscal year 2007</u>	
	<u>Ordinary Income</u>	<u>Long-Term Capital Gains</u>	<u>Ordinary Income</u>	<u>Long-Term Capital Gains</u>
Common	N/A	N/A	\$9,284,238	\$0
Preferred	N/A	N/A	\$3,357,998	\$0

As of November 30, 2007, the components of distributable earnings (i.e., ordinary income and capital gain/loss) available to Common and Preferred Stock Shareholders, on a tax basis, were as follows:

<u>Capital (Loss) Carryforward</u>	<u>Undistributed Ordinary Income</u>	<u>Undistributed Long-Term Gain</u>	<u>Net Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation)</u>
(\$3,969,784)	\$665,210	\$0	(\$12,566,168)

At November 30, 2007, the composition of the Fund's \$3,969,784 accumulated realized capital losses was \$1,223,987, \$694,286 and \$2,051,511 incurred in 2002, 2004 and 2007, respectively. These losses may be carried forward and offset against any future capital gains through 2010, 2012 and 2015, respectively.

Excise tax: The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, imposes a 4% nondeductible excise tax on the Fund to the extent the Fund does not distribute by the end of any calendar year at least (1) 98% of the sum of its net investment income for that year and its capital gains (both long-term and short-term) for its fiscal year and (2) certain undistributed amounts from previous years. The Fund paid \$17,142 of Federal excise taxes attributable to calendar year 2007 in March 2008.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

Additional Accounting Standards: In March 2008, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161, "Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS 161"). SFAS 161 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. SFAS 161 requires enhanced disclosures about the Fund's derivative and hedging activities. Management is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of SFAS 161 will have on the Fund's financial statement disclosures.

3. Investment Advisory Fee, Administration Fee, Transfer Agent Fee, Custodian Fee, Directors' Fees and Chief Compliance Officer Fee

Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated (the "Adviser") serves as the Fund's investment adviser. Prior to May 22, 2008, the Fund paid the Adviser a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.625% of the value of the Fund's average monthly total net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock up to \$100 million and 0.50% of the value of the Fund's average monthly total net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock in excess of \$100 million.

For purposes of calculating the fees payable to the Adviser, Administrator and Custodian, the Fund's average weekly total managed assets means the total assets of the Fund minus the sum of accrued liabilities. For purposes of determining total managed assets, the liquidation preference of any preferred shares issued by the Fund is not treated as a liability.

Effective as of May 22, 2008, the Fund pays the Adviser a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.625% of the value of the Fund's average monthly total managed assets up to \$100 million and 0.50% of the Fund's average monthly total managed assets of \$100 million or more. For purposes of calculating the fees payable to the Adviser, Administrator and Custodian, the Fund's total managed assets means the total assets of the Fund (including any assets attributable to the Fund's auction preferred stock that may be outstanding or otherwise attributable to the use of leverage) minus the sum of accrued liabilities (other than debt, if any, representing financial leverage). For purposes of determining total managed assets, the liquidation preference of any preferred shares issued by the Fund is not treated as a liability.

PNC Global Investment Servicing (U.S.) Inc. ("PNC"), formerly known as PFPC Inc., serves as the Fund's Administrator. As Administrator, PNC calculates the net asset value of the Fund's shares attributable to Common Stock and generally assists in all aspects of the Fund's administration and operation. As compensation for PNC's services as Administrator, the Fund pays PNC a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.10% of the first \$200 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, 0.04% of the next \$300 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, 0.03% of the next \$500 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets and 0.02% on the Fund's average weekly total managed assets above \$1 billion.

PNC also serves as the Fund's Common Stock dividend-paying agent and registrar (Transfer Agent). As compensation for PNC's services, the Fund pays PNC a fee at an annual rate of 0.02% of the first \$150 million of the Fund's average weekly net assets attributable to Common Stock, 0.0075% of the next \$350 million of the Fund's average weekly net assets attributable to Common Stock, and 0.0025% of the Fund's average weekly net assets attributable to Common Stock above \$500 million, plus certain out of

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

pocket expenses. For the purpose of calculating such fee, the Fund's average weekly net assets attributable to Common Stock are deemed to be the average weekly value of the Fund's total assets minus the sum of the Fund's liabilities. For this calculation, the Fund's liabilities are deemed to include the aggregate liquidation preference of any outstanding Fund preferred shares.

PFPC Trust Company ("PFPC Trust") serves as the Fund's custodian. PFPC Trust is an indirect subsidiary of PNC Financial Services. As compensation for PFPC Trust's services as custodian, the Fund pays PFPC Trust a monthly fee at the annual rate of 0.010% of the first \$200 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, 0.008% of the next \$300 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, 0.006% of the next \$500 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets and 0.005% of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets above \$1 billion.

The Fund currently pays each Director who is not a director, officer or employee of the Adviser a fee of \$9,000 per annum, plus \$500 for each in-person meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee and \$150 for each telephone meeting. The Audit Committee Chairman receives an additional annual fee of \$2,500. The Fund also reimburses all Directors for travel and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with such meetings.

The Fund currently pays the Adviser a fee of \$37,500 per annum for Chief Compliance Officer services and reimburses out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with providing services in this role.

4. Purchases and Sales of Securities

For the six months ended May 31, 2008, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of securities excluding short-term investments, aggregated \$66,460,079 and \$70,510,942, respectively.

At May 31, 2008, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$203,569,938, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of value over tax cost was \$3,113,302 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of tax cost over value was \$30,451,320.

Written option transactions during the six months ended May 31, 2008, are summarized as follows:

	<u>Contract Amounts</u>	<u>Premiums Received</u>
Written options outstanding at beginning of year	0	\$0
Options Opened	255	444,102
Options Exercised	0	0
Options Expired	0	0
Options Closed	(255)	(444,102)
Written options outstanding at end of period	0	\$0

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

5. Common Stock

At May 31, 2008, 240,000,000 shares of \$0.01 par value Common Stock were authorized.

Common Stock transactions were as follows:

	<u>Six Months Ended</u> <u>05/31/08</u>		<u>Year Ended</u> <u>11/30/07</u>	
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.	<u>59,130</u>	<u>\$567,796</u>	<u>48,835</u>	<u>\$591,605</u>

6. Auction Preferred Stock (APS) (formerly known as Money Market Cumulative Preferred™ Stock)

The Fund’s Articles of Incorporation authorize the issuance of up to 10,000,000 shares of \$0.01 par value preferred stock. The APS is senior to the Common Stock and results in the financial leveraging of the Common Stock. Such leveraging tends to magnify both the risks and opportunities to Common Stock Shareholders. Dividends on shares of APS are cumulative.

The Fund is required to meet certain asset coverage tests with respect to the APS. If the Fund fails to meet these requirements and does not correct such failure, the Fund may be required to redeem, in part or in full, APS at a redemption price of \$100,000 per share plus an amount equal to the accumulated and unpaid dividends on such shares in order to meet these requirements. Additionally, failure to meet the foregoing asset requirements could restrict the Fund’s ability to pay dividends to Common Stock Shareholders and could lead to sales of portfolio securities at inopportune times.

If the Fund allocates any net gains or income ineligible for the dividends received deduction to shares of the APS, the Fund is required to make additional distributions to APS Shareholders or to pay a higher dividend rate in amounts needed to provide a return, net of tax, equal to the return had such originally paid distributions been eligible for the dividends received deduction.

An auction of the APS is generally held every 49 days. Existing APS Shareholders may submit an order to hold, bid or sell such shares at par value on each auction date. APS Shareholders may also trade shares in the secondary market, if any, between auction dates.

At May 31, 2008, 700 shares of APS were outstanding at the annualized rate of 4.53%. The dividend rate, as set by the auction process, is generally expected to vary with short-term interest rates. These rates may vary in a manner unrelated to the income received on the Fund’s assets, which could have either a beneficial or detrimental impact on net investment income and gains available to Common Stock Shareholders. While the Fund expects to structure its portfolio holdings and hedging transactions to lessen such risks to Common Stock Shareholders, there can be no assurance that such results will be attained.

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7. Portfolio Investments, Concentration and Investment Quality

The Fund invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of preferred securities. This includes traditional preferred stocks eligible for the inter-corporate dividends received deduction (“DRD”) and fully taxable preferred securities. Under normal market conditions, at least 80% of the value of the Fund’s net assets will be invested in preferred securities. Also, under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 25% of its total assets in securities issued by companies in the utilities industry and a significant percentage, but no more than 25% of its total assets, in securities issued by companies in the banking industry. The Fund’s portfolio may therefore be subject to greater risk and market fluctuation than a portfolio of securities representing a broader range of investment alternatives.

The Fund may invest up to 25% of its assets at the time of purchase in securities rated below investment grade. These securities must be rated at least either “Ba3” by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. or “BB-” by Standard & Poor’s or, if unrated, judged to be comparable in quality by the Adviser, in any case, at the time of purchase. However, these securities must be issued by an issuer having a class of senior debt rated investment grade outstanding.

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its assets in common stocks and, under normal market conditions, up to 20% of its assets in debt securities. Certain of its investments in hybrid, i.e., fully taxable, preferred securities will be subject to the foregoing 20% limitation to the extent that, in the opinion of the Adviser, such investments are deemed to be debt-like in key characteristics. Typically, a security will not be considered debt-like (a) if an issuer can defer payment of income for eighteen months or more without triggering an event of default and (b) if such issue is a junior and fully subordinated liability of an issuer or its ultimate guarantor.

In addition to foreign money market securities, the Fund may invest up to 30% of its total assets in the securities of companies organized or having their principal place of business outside the United States. All foreign securities held by the Fund will be denominated in U.S. dollars.

8. Special Investment Techniques

The Fund may employ certain investment techniques in accordance with its fundamental investment policies. These may include the use of when-issued and delayed delivery transactions. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis may be settled within 45 days after the date of the transaction. Such transactions may expose the Fund to credit and market valuation risk greater than that associated with regular trade settlement procedures. The Fund may also enter into transactions, in accordance with its investment policies, involving any or all of the following: short sales of securities, purchases of securities on margin, futures contracts, interest rate swaps, swap futures, options on futures contracts, options on securities, swaptions and certain credit derivative transactions, including, but not limited to, the purchase and sale of credit protection. As in the case of when-issued securities, the use of over-the-counter derivatives, such as interest rate swaps, swaptions, and credit default swaps may expose the Fund to greater credit, operations, liquidity, and valuation risk than is the case with regulated, exchange traded futures and options. These transactions are used for hedging or other appropriate risk-management purposes, or, under certain other circumstances, to increase return.

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No assurance can be given that such transactions will achieve their desired purposes or will result in an overall reduction of risk to the Fund.

9. Securities Lending

The Fund may lend up to 15% of its total assets (including the value of the loan collateral) to certain qualified brokers in order to earn additional income. The Fund receives compensation in the form of fees or interest earned on the investment of any cash collateral received. The Fund also continues to receive interest and dividends on the securities loaned. The Fund receives collateral in the form of cash or securities with a market value at least equal to the market value of the securities on loan, including accrued interest. In the event of default or bankruptcy by the borrower, the Fund could experience delays and costs in recovering the loaned securities or in gaining access to the collateral. The Fund has the right under the lending agreement to recover the securities from the borrower on demand. As of May 31, 2008, the market value of securities loaned by the Fund was \$3,391,609. The loans were secured with collateral of \$3,493,250. Income from securities lending for the six months ended May 31, 2008 was \$12,994 and is included in interest income on the Statement of Operations.

10. Section 19 Notices

Section 19 of the 1940 Act requires registered investment companies to include a notice with the payment of a dividend if a portion of that dividend may come from sources other than undistributed net income (other sources could include realized gains from the sale of securities and non-taxable return of capital). Copies of the Section 19 notices for the Fund are available on the website at www.preferredincome.com.

The amounts and sources of distributions reported below are only estimates and are not being provided for tax reporting purposes. Form 1099-DIV will be sent to shareholders in January 2009 reporting the amount and tax characterization of distributions for the 2008 calendar year.

	Source of Distributions as of 05/31/08			
	Net Investment Income	Net Realized Capital Gains	Return Of Capital	Total Per Common Share
Calendar 2008 Distributions	\$0.3332	\$0.00	\$0.0068	\$0.34
Percentage of Total Distributions	98.0%	0.0%	2.0%	—

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Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan

Under the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (the "Plan"), a shareholder whose Common Stock is registered in his or her own name will have all distributions reinvested automatically by PNC as agent under the Plan, unless the shareholder elects to receive cash. Distributions with respect to shares registered in the name of a broker-dealer or other nominee (that is, in "street name") may be reinvested by the broker or nominee in additional shares under the Plan, but only if the service is provided by the broker or nominee, unless the shareholder elects to receive distributions in cash. A shareholder who holds Common Stock registered in the name of a broker or other nominee may not be able to transfer the Common Stock to another broker or nominee and continue to participate in the Plan. Investors who own Common Stock registered in street name should consult their broker or nominee for details regarding reinvestment.

The number of shares of Common Stock distributed to participants in the Plan in lieu of a cash dividend is determined in the following manner. Whenever the market price per share of the Fund's Common Stock is equal to or exceeds the net asset value per share on the valuation date, participants in the Plan will be issued new shares valued at the higher of net asset value or 95% of the then current market value. Otherwise, PNC will buy shares of the Fund's Common Stock in the open market, on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") or elsewhere, on or shortly after the payment date of the dividend or distribution and continuing until the ex-dividend date of the Fund's next distribution to holders of the Common Stock or until it has expended for such purchases all of the cash that would otherwise be payable to the participants. The number of purchased shares that will then be credited to the participants' accounts will be based on the average per share purchase price of the shares so purchased, including brokerage commissions. If PNC commences purchases in the open market and the then current market price of the shares (plus any estimated brokerage commissions) subsequently exceeds their net asset value most recently determined before the completion of the purchases, PNC will attempt to terminate purchases in the open market and cause the Fund to issue the remaining dividend or distribution in shares. In this case, the number of shares received by the participant will be based on the weighted average of prices paid for shares purchased in the open market and the price at which the Fund issues the remaining shares. These remaining shares will be issued by the Fund at the higher of net asset value or 95% of the then current market value.

Plan participants are not subject to any charge for reinvesting dividends or capital gains distributions. Each Plan participant will, however, bear a proportionate share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to PNC's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends or capital gains distributions. For the six months ended May 31, 2008, no brokerage commissions were incurred.

The automatic reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions will not relieve Plan participants of any income tax that may be payable on the dividends or capital gains distributions. A participant in the Plan will be treated for Federal income tax purposes as having received, on the dividend payment date, a dividend or distribution in an amount equal to the cash that the participant could have received instead of shares.

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In addition to acquiring shares of Common Stock through the reinvestment of cash dividends and distributions, a shareholder may invest any further amounts from \$100 to \$3,000 semi-annually at the then current market price in shares purchased through the Plan. Such semi-annual investments are subject to any brokerage commission charges incurred by PNC under the Plan.

A shareholder whose Common Stock is registered in his or her own name may terminate participation in the Plan at any time by notifying PNC in writing, by completing the form on the back of the Plan account statement and forwarding it to PNC, or by calling PNC directly. A termination will be effective immediately if notice is received by PNC not less than 10 days before any dividend or distribution record date. Otherwise, the termination will be effective, and only with respect to any subsequent dividends or distributions, on the first day after the dividend or distribution has been credited to the participant's account in additional shares of the Fund. Upon termination and according to a participant's instructions, PNC will either (a) issue certificates for the whole shares credited to the shareholder's Plan account and a check representing any fractional shares or (b) sell the shares in the market. Shareholders who hold Common Stock registered in the name of a broker or other nominee should consult their broker or nominee to terminate participation.

The Plan is described in more detail in the Fund's Plan brochure. Information concerning the Plan may be obtained from PNC at 1-800-331-1710.

Proxy Voting Policies and Proxy Voting Record on Form N-PX

The Fund files Form N-PX with its complete proxy voting record for the 12 months ended June 30th no later than August 31st of each year. The Fund filed its latest Form N-PX with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on August 27, 2007. This filing, as well as the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, are available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund's transfer agent at 1-800-331-1710 and (ii) on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures are available on the Fund's website at www.preferredincome.com.

Portfolio Schedule on Form N-Q

The Fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third fiscal quarters on Form N-Q, the latest of which was filed for the quarter ended February 29, 2008. The Fund's Form N-Q is available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov or may be viewed and obtained from the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Section may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

Portfolio Management Team

In managing the day-to-day operations of the Fund, the Adviser relies on the expertise of its team of money management professionals, consisting of Messrs. Crumrine, Ettinger, Stone and Chadwick. The professional backgrounds of each member of the management team are included in the "Information about Fund Directors and Officers" section of this report.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited) (Continued)**Certifications**

Included in the Annual Written Affirmation submitted to the NYSE, Donald F. Crumrine, as the Fund's Chief Executive Officer, has certified that, as of May 16, 2008, he was not aware of any violation by the Fund of applicable NYSE corporate governance listing standards. The Fund's reports to the SEC on Forms N-CSR and N-Q contain certifications by the Fund's principal executive officer and principal financial officer that relate to the Fund's disclosure in such reports and that are required by Rule 30a2(a) under the 1940 Act.

Meeting of Shareholders

On April 18, 2008, the Fund held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting") for the following purpose: election of Directors of the Fund ("Proposal 1"). The proposal was approved by the shareholders and the results of the voting are as follows:

Proposal 1: Election of Directors.

<u>Name</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Withheld</u>
Common Stock		
Morgan Gust	10,734,201	166,617
Preferred Stock		
Karen H. Hogan	670	0

Donald F. Crumrine, David Gale and Robert F. Wulf continue to serve in their capacities as Directors of the Fund.

On May 21, 2008, the Fund held a Special Meeting of Shareholders (the "Special Meeting") for the following purposes: (i) approval of changes to certain fundamental investment policies ("Proposal 1-A, Proposal 1-B and Proposal 1-C") and (ii) approval of an amended and restated investment advisory agreement ("Proposal 2"). The proposals were approved by the shareholders and the results of the voting are as follows:

Proposal 1-A: Revision to the fundamental policy relating to borrowing money.

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Common Stock	5,973,300	297,143	192,643
Preferred Stock	505	0	0

Proposal 1-B: Revision to the fundamental policy relating to issuing senior securities.

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Common Stock	5,970,849	286,310	187,926
Preferred Stock	505	0	0

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Proposal 1-C: Revision to the fundamental policy relating to purchasing securities on margin.

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Common Stock	5,912,671	334,917	197,498
Preferred Stock	505	0	0

Proposal 2: Approval of Amended Investment Advisory Agreement.

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Common Stock	5,906,578	318,431	220,077
Preferred Stock	505	0	0

Modification to Non-Fundamental Investment Policy

At a meeting on May 21, 2008, the Fund’s shareholders approved changes to its fundamental investment policies regarding borrowing, issuing senior securities and purchasing securities on margin or selling securities short. The revised policies will permit the Fund (a) to borrow money, and to engage in trading practices that may be considered to be borrowing, (b) to issue senior securities, and (c) to sell securities short and purchase securities on margin, each to the fullest extent permitted by the 1940 Act and related interpretations, as in effect from time to time. The risks associated with leveraging the Fund through any of the above methods are substantially similar to the risks the Fund currently faces through leveraging using APS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited) (Continued)**Information about Fund Directors and Officers**

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the direction of the Fund's Board of Directors. Information pertaining to the Directors and officers of the Fund is set forth below.

Name, Address, and Age	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served*	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Funds In Fund Complex Overseen By Director	Other Directorships Held By Director**
NON-INTERESTED DIRECTORS:					
David Gale Delta Dividend Group, Inc 220 Montgomery Street Suite 426 San Francisco, CA 94104 Age: 59	Director	Class I Director since January 1997	President & CEO of Delta Dividend Group, Inc. (investments)	4	Metromedia International Group, Inc. (telecommunications)
Morgan Gust 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 61	Director	Class III Director since February 1992	Owner and operator of various entities engaged in agriculture and real estate; Former President of Giant Industries, Inc. (petroleum refining and marketing) from March 2002 through May 2007	4	CoBiz, Financial, Inc. (financial services)
Karen H. Hogan† 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 47	Director	Class III Director since April 2005	Retired; Community Volunteer; from September 1985 to January 1997, Senior Vice President of Preferred Stock Origination at Lehman Brothers and Previously, Vice President of New Product Development	4	

* The Fund's Board of Directors is divided into three classes, each class having a term of three years. Each year the term of office of one class expires and the successor or successors elected to such class serve for a three year term. The three year term for each class expires as follows:

Class I Director – three year term expires at the Fund's 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders; director may continue in office until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

Class II Directors – three year term expires at the Fund's 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders; directors may continue in office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Class III Directors – three year term expires at the Fund's 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders; directors may continue in office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

** Each Director also serves as a Director for Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Fund, Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Preferred Securities Income Fund, and Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund.

† As a Director, represents holders of shares of the Fund's Auction Preferred Stock.

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Name, Address, and Age	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served*	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Funds In Fund Complex Overseen By Director	Other Directorships Held By Director**
NON-INTERESTED DIRECTORS:					
Robert F. Wulf P.O. Box 753 Neskowin, OR 97149 Age: 71	Director and Audit Committee Chairman	Class II Director since February 1992	Financial Consultant; Trustee, University of Oregon Foundation; Trustee, San Francisco Theological Seminary	4	
INTERESTED DIRECTOR:					
Donald F. Crumrine†, †† 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 60	Director, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	Class II Director since February 1992	Chairman of the Board and Director of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated	4	

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†† "Interested person" of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act. Mr. Crumrine is considered an "interested person" because of his affiliation with Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated, which acts as the Fund's investment adviser.

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Name, Address, and Age	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years
OFFICERS:			
<p>Robert M. Ettinger 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 49</p>	<p>President</p>	<p>Since October 2002</p>	<p>President and Director of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated</p>
<p>R. Eric Chadwick 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 33</p>	<p>Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and Treasurer</p>	<p>Since October 2002</p>	<p>Director of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated since June 2006; Vice President of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated</p>
<p>Chad C. Conwell 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 35</p>	<p>Chief Compliance Officer, Vice President and Secretary</p>	<p>Since July 2005</p>	<p>Chief Compliance Officer of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated since September 2005; Vice President of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated since July 2005; Attorney with Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP from September 1998 to June 2005</p>
<p>Bradford S. Stone 392 Springfield Avenue Mezzanine Suite Summit, NJ 07901 Age: 48</p>	<p>Vice President And Assistant Treasurer</p>	<p>Since July 2003</p>	<p>Director of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated since June 2006; Vice President of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated since May 2003; Director of U.S. Market Strategy at Barclays Capital from June 2001 to April 2003</p>
<p>Laurie C. Lodolo 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 44</p>	<p>Assistant Compliance Officer, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary</p>	<p>Since July 2004</p>	<p>Assistant Compliance Officer of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated since August 2004; Secretary of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated since February 2004; Account Administrator of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated</p>

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BOARD CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT

During the six month period ended May 31, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Fund approved, on January 29, 2008, the continuation of the existing investment advisory agreement with the Adviser (the "Current Investment Advisory Agreement") and approved, on March 13, 2008, an amendment to the Current Investment Advisory Agreement, subject to approval by Stockholders (the "Amended Investment Advisory Agreement"). The following paragraphs summarize the material information and factors considered by the Board, including the Independent Directors, as well as their conclusions relative to such factors.

I. CURRENT INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT

In considering whether to approve the Fund's Current Investment Advisory Agreement, the Directors considered and discussed a substantial amount of information and analysis provided, at the Board's request, by the Adviser. The Directors also considered detailed information regarding performance and expenses of other investment companies thought to be generally comparable to the Fund. The Directors discussed with management this and other information relating to the Current Investment Advisory Agreement during the Special Meeting held on January 15, 2008 for that specific purpose and requested additional information about comparative expenses and performance, among other matters. On January 29, 2008, the Directors approved the continuance of the Current Investment Advisory Agreement. In reaching their determinations relating to continuance of the Current Investment Advisory Agreement, the Directors considered these discussions and all other factors they believed relevant, including the factors discussed below. In their deliberations, the Directors did not identify any particular information that was all-important or controlling, and Directors may have attributed different weights to the various factors. The Directors evaluated this information, and all other information available to them, for the Fund, and their determinations were made separately in respect of each other fund advised by the Adviser. In particular, the Directors focused on the following with respect to the Fund.

Nature, Extent and Quality of Services.

The Directors reviewed in detail the nature and extent of the services provided by the Adviser and the quality of those services over the past year and since inception. The Directors noted that these services included managing the Fund's investment program, as well as providing significant administrative services beyond what the Current Investment Advisory Agreement required. The Directors noted that the Adviser also provided, generally at its expense: office facilities for use by the Fund; personnel responsible for supervising the performance of administrative, accounting and related services; and investment compliance monitoring. The Directors also considered the Adviser's sound financial condition and the Adviser's commitment to its business, as evidenced by its hiring of additional personnel as the business has grown. The Directors evaluated the Adviser's services based on their direct experience serving as Directors for many years, focusing on (i) the Adviser's knowledge of the preferred securities market generally and the sophisticated hedging strategies the Fund employs and (ii) the Adviser's culture of compliance. The Directors reviewed the personnel responsible for providing services to the Fund and observed that, based on their experience and interaction with the Adviser: (1)

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the Adviser's personnel exhibited a high level of personal integrity, diligence and attention to detail in carrying out their responsibilities under the Current Investment Advisory Agreement; (2) the Adviser was responsive to requests of the Board and its personnel were available between Board meetings to answer questions from Directors; and (3) the Adviser had kept the Board apprised of developments relating to the Fund. The Directors also considered the continued efforts undertaken by the Adviser to maintain an effective compliance program. The Directors concluded that the nature and extent of the services provided were reasonable and appropriate in relation to the Fund's investment goals and strategies, the corporate and regulatory environment in which the Fund operates, and the level of services provided by the Adviser, and that the quality of the Adviser's service continues to be high.

Investment Performance.

The Directors took note of the extraordinary market conditions prevailing over the past year and at the time of the meetings, and expressed their confidence in the Adviser's investment strategies despite recent disappointing absolute performance during this period of unprecedented and frequently frantic behavior of market participants. As a consequence, the Directors determined to give substantial weight to the Fund's performance since inception, and less weight to recent performance, to determine whether the Fund had met its investment objective. The Directors determined that the Fund had done so. In reaching this conclusion, the Directors reviewed the Fund's performance compared to relevant indices and funds thought to be generally comparable to the Fund, considered the costs and benefits of the Fund's hedging strategy in the relevant market environment and examined the differences between the Fund and certain funds in the comparison group. The Directors were assured of the Fund's adherence to its respective investment mandate and, based on their understanding of the Adviser's investment approach and market conditions, expressed their belief that the Adviser's absolute performance would improve as markets normalized.

Profitability.

The Directors considered the Adviser's methodology for determining its profitability with respect to the Fund, and the Adviser's profit margin on an after-tax basis attributable to managing the Fund. The Directors concluded that the profitability to the Adviser was not excessive based on the considerable services it has regularly provided to the Fund and its success in meeting the Fund's investment objective over time. The Directors also considered that the Adviser provided, at a lower cost, services to separate account clients and determined that the difference was justified in light of the additional services and costs associated with managing registered investment companies, such as the Fund. The Directors accepted the Adviser's statement that it did not realize material indirect benefits from its relationship with the Fund and did not obtain soft dollar credits from securities trading.

Economies of Scale.

The Directors noted that the Fund, as a closed-end investment company, was not expected to increase materially in size; thus, the Adviser would not benefit from economies of scale. The Directors considered whether economies of scale could be realized because the Adviser advises other similar funds. Based on their experience, the Directors accepted the Adviser's explanation that significant economies of scale would not be realized because of the complexity of managing preferred securities

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for separate funds and other portfolios. Nonetheless, the Directors noted that the Fund's advisory fee schedule declines as assets increase beyond a certain level (commonly known as a "breakpoint"), and that breakpoints provide for a sharing with shareholders of benefits derived as a result of economies of scale arising from increased assets. Accordingly, the Directors determined that the existing advisory fee levels reflect possible economies of scale.

In light of their discussions and considerations as described above, the Directors made the following determinations as to the Fund:

- the nature and extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser are reasonable and appropriate and the quality of the services is high;
- the Fund's overall performance over time has been satisfactory and its performance for the recent period is reflective of market conditions, given the Adviser's portfolio management strategy;
- the fee paid to the Adviser was reasonable in light of (i) comparative performance and expense and advisory fee information, considered over relevant time periods, (ii) the cost of the services provided and profits to be realized, and (iii) the benefits derived or to be derived by the Adviser from the relationship with the Fund; and
- there were not at this time significant economies of scale to be realized by the Adviser in managing the Fund's assets, and the fee was structured to provide for a sharing of the benefits of economies of scale.

Based on these conclusions, the Directors determined that approval of the Current Investment Advisory Agreement was in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

II. AMENDED INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT

As a consequence of the well publicized dislocation in the market for auction preferred stock, which the Fund uses to leverage its portfolio, the Adviser recommended, and the Board approved changes to the Fund's investment restrictions that would give the Fund additional and necessary options for continuing the Fund's leverage strategy by using forms of leverage other than auction preferred stock. These changes are described in the Fund's proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 18, 2008 (the "Proxy Statement").

In considering whether to approve the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement, the Board considered the various leverage scenarios (as described in the Proxy Statement) and the effect they would have on the fees payable to the Adviser and the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective. As it typically does, the Board assessed the nature, extent and quality of the services to be provided to the Fund by the Adviser. In their deliberations, the Directors considered information received in connection with their most recent approval of the continuation of the Current Investment Advisory Agreement, in addition to information provided by the Adviser in connection with their evaluation of the terms and conditions of the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement. The Directors did not identify any particular information that was all-important or controlling, and the Directors may have attributed

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different weights to the various factors. The Directors evaluated all information available to them. The Directors, including a majority of the Independent Directors, concluded that the terms of the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement are appropriate, that the fees to be paid are reasonable in light of the services to be provided to the Fund, and that the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement should be approved and recommended to the Fund's shareholders.

Nature, Extent and Quality of the Services to be Provided under the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement.

The Directors considered the nature, extent and quality of management services proposed to be provided to the Fund under the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement. The Directors took note that the Adviser had advised the Directors that there is not expected to be any change in the nature, extent and quality of services provided to the Fund and its shareholders under the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement. The Directors' evaluation of the services expected to be provided by the Adviser took into account the Directors' knowledge and familiarity gained as Directors of funds in the Flaherty & Crumrine Fund Family. The Directors recognized that they received information at regular meetings throughout the year regarding the services rendered by the Adviser, noting that these services included the management of the Fund's investment program, as well as providing significant administrative services beyond what the Current Investment Advisory Agreement provided. The Directors also noted that they had engaged in an extensive review of the services provided to the Fund by the Adviser at the Directors' last annual contract renewal meeting described above.

The Directors concluded that, overall, they were satisfied with the nature, extent and quality of services expected to be provided to the Fund under the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement.

Investment Performance.

The Directors noted that they received information throughout the year at periodic intervals with respect to the Fund's performance, and had engaged in an extensive review of Fund performance at their last annual contract renewal meeting. As the services to be provided under the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement in comparison with the Current Investment Advisory Agreement were not proposed to be changed in connection with the approval of the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement, the Directors did not specifically consider Fund performance in their consideration of the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement.

Adviser Profitability.

Profitability of the Adviser in providing services to the Fund under the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement was not a factor considered by the Directors. The Directors noted that they expect to receive cost, expense and profitability information at the next annual Directors contract renewal meeting and, thus, be in a position to evaluate at that time whether any adjustments in Fund fees would be appropriate in connection with a renewal of the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement. The Directors also recognized that they had reviewed the profitability of the Adviser at its last annual contract renewal meeting.

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Economies of Scale.

The Directors considered whether any changes in the economies of scale realized (or potentially realized) by the Adviser and any benefits the Fund may incur from such economies of scale were proposed to be changed if the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement were approved. The Directors noted that the Fund, as a closed-end investment company, was not expected to increase materially in size; thus, the Adviser would not benefit from economies of scale. The Directors considered whether economies of scale could be realized because the Adviser advises other similar funds. Based on their experience, the Directors accepted the Adviser's explanation that significant economies of scale would not be realized because of the complexity of managing preferred securities for separate funds and other portfolios. Nonetheless, the Directors noted that the Fund's advisory fee schedule declines as assets increase beyond a certain level (commonly known as a "breakpoint"), and that breakpoints provide for a sharing with shareholders of benefits derived as a result of economies of scale arising from increased assets. Accordingly, the Directors determined that the existing advisory fee levels reflect possible economies of scale.

Fees.

The Directors considered the fees to be paid to the Adviser under the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement. The Board noted that, although the contractual investment advisory fee rate payable under the proposed Amended Investment Advisory Agreement with the Adviser is the same as under the Current Investment Advisory Agreement, the method for calculating the fee is different because it would exclude from liabilities, in addition to the liquidation value of Preferred Stock, debt representing financial leverage. The Directors noted that the proceeds of any borrowings or other forms of leverage used by the Funds would increase the amount of Fund assets for which the Adviser would be expected to provide services to the Fund, and that the Adviser would be responsible for managing such proceeds. The Directors noted that the original fee language in the Current Investment Advisory Agreement was designed and intended to compensate the Adviser on the basis of the amount of assets as to which it makes investment decisions. The Directors reviewed pro forma fiscal 2007 fees that would have been paid to the Adviser under the calculation methodology in the Current Investment Advisory Agreement and under the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement, based on whether the Funds used 100% Preferred Stock as leverage, 50% Preferred Stock and 50% debt leverage, and 100% debt leverage. The Directors noted that under both the Current Investment Advisory Agreement and the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement, pro forma advisory fees would have remained the same if the Fund used only Preferred Stock as leverage. However, the Directors noted that, if the Fund only used debt leverage, the pro forma fee paid to the Adviser would be greater under a Fund's Amended Investment Advisory Agreement than it would be under its Current Investment Advisory Agreement, but that total fees were less than those actually paid when the Fund only used Preferred Stock as leverage.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited) (Continued)

The Directors concluded that, because the rates for advisory services were the same and that the new calculation methodology was reasonable and fair, it was appropriate for the Adviser to be compensated on the amount of borrowings, proceeds of debt issuances and margin borrowings, as it would be responsible for managing assets attributable to such amounts. The Directors, including a majority of the Independent Directors, concluded that the fees to be paid are reasonable in light of the services to be provided to the Fund. In this regard, the Board considered that many funds that engage in leveraging activity provide for compensation of their investment adviser on the basis of total managed assets, including Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Preferred Securities Income Fund Incorporated and Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated, two other closed-end funds managed by the Adviser.

Conclusion.

After the Independent Directors of the Fund deliberated in executive session, the entire Board of Directors of the Fund, including the Independent Directors, approved the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement, concluding that the advisory fee rate was reasonable in relation to the services provided and that the Amended Investment Advisory Agreement was in the best interests of the shareholders.

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