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**KAYNE ANDERSON ENERGY TOTAL RETURN FUND  
ANNOUNCES ITS NET ASSET VALUE AT DECEMBER 30, 2005**

LOS ANGELES, CA – January 3, 2006 – Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”) (NYSE: KYE), today announced its net asset value at December 30, 2005.

At December 30, 2005, the Fund’s net assets were \$763 million and its net asset value per share was \$23.68 based on 32.2 million shares outstanding. The ex-dividend date was December 28, 2005 for the quarterly dividend of \$0.40625 per share payable on January 12, 2006 and the Fund’s net asset value reflects an accrual for such dividend payment. Shares began trading on June 28, 2005 on the New York Stock Exchange with an initial net asset value of \$23.84.

Equity and fixed income investments were 89% and 11%, respectively, of the Fund’s total long-term investments of \$833 million as of December 30, 2005. Long-term investments were comprised of MLPs and MLP affiliates (45%), Canadian Royalty Trusts (28%), Marine Energy Transportation (13%), Coal Companies (4%) and U.S. Royalty Trusts and Other Energy Companies (10%). At December 30, 2005, the Fund’s total assets were \$1.1 billion, which includes \$247 million of repurchase agreements (classified as short-term investments). The Fund’s investment in repurchase agreements represents the un-invested proceeds from the Fund’s recent \$300 million offering of auction rate preferred stock. The Fund plans to invest the remaining proceeds from that offering in accordance with its investment objectives and policies as soon as practicable.

The Fund’s ten largest holdings by issuer (excluding short-term investments) at December 30, 2005 were:

	Amount (\$ in millions)	Percent of Long-Term Investments
1. Kinder Morgan Management, LLC (MLP Affiliate)	\$90.2	10.8%
2. Enterprise Products Partners L.P. (Pipeline MLP)	55.3	6.6
3. Kinder Morgan, Inc. (MLP Affiliate)	31.5	3.8
4. Pacific Energy Partners, L.P. (Pipeline MLP)	28.0	3.4
5. Targa Resources Inc. (Pipeline)	27.0	3.2
6. Bonavista Energy Trust (Canadian Royalty Trust)	24.4	2.9
7. Crosstex Energy, Inc. (MLP Affiliate)	23.5	2.8
8. Harvest Energy Trust (Canadian Royalty Trust)	21.5	2.6
9. PrimeWest Energy Trust (Canadian Royalty Trust)	20.5	2.5
10. Enerplus Resources Fund (Canadian Royalty Trust)	20.4	2.4

The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Fund’s investment objective is to obtain a high total return with an emphasis on current income by investing primarily in securities of companies engaged in the energy industry, principally including publicly-traded energy-related master limited partnerships and limited liability companies taxed as partnerships and their affiliates, energy-related U.S. and Canadian royalty trusts and income trusts and other companies that derive at least 50% of their revenues from operating assets used in, or providing energy-related services for, the exploration, development, production, gathering, transportation, processing, storing, refining, distribution, mining or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids (including propane), crude oil, refined petroleum products or coal.

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projections. These risks include, but are not limited to, changes in economic and political conditions; regulatory and legal changes; energy industry risk; commodity pricing risk; leverage risk; valuation risk; non-diversification risk; interest rate risk; tax risk; and other risks discussed in the Fund's filings with the SEC. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date they are made. The Fund undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements. There is no assurance that the Fund's investment objectives will be attained.

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