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**KAYNE ANDERSON ENERGY TOTAL RETURN FUND
ANNOUNCES ITS NET ASSET VALUE AT MARCH 16, 2006**

LOS ANGELES, CA – March 17, 2006 – Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”) (NYSE: KYE), today announced its net asset value at March 16, 2006.

At March 16, 2006, the Fund’s net assets were \$801 million and its net asset value per share was \$24.89 based on 32.2 million shares outstanding. The Fund’s common stock closed on the NYSE on March 16, 2006 at \$22.77. On this date, the Fund’s discount to NAV was approximately 8.5%. Accordingly, the Fund will authorize its agents to make open market purchases of the Fund’s shares consistent with the Fund’s Stock Repurchase Program announced on January 30, 2006.

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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