

Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund Increases Size of Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility to \$100 Million

Houston, TX – October 20, 2011 – Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”) (NYSE:KYE) announced today that it has amended its unsecured revolving credit facility (the “Credit Facility”) to increase the total commitment amount to \$100 million. This \$20 million increase in commitment amount was accomplished by adding a new lender to the syndicate and increased commitments from existing lenders.

All other terms of the Credit Facility remain the same. The maturity date remains June 11, 2013, and outstanding loan balances will continue to accrue interest daily at a rate equal to the one-month LIBOR plus 1.75%, based on current asset coverage ratios. The interest rate may vary between LIBOR plus 1.75% to LIBOR plus 3.00%, depending on the Fund’s asset coverage ratios. The Fund will continue to pay a fee of 0.40% on any unused amounts of the Credit Facility.

The Fund currently has no borrowings under the Credit Facility. A copy of the amended credit agreement is available on the Fund’s website at www.kaynefunds.com/Kye_othermaterialdocuments.php.

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The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 whose common stock is traded on the NYSE. 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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