

## Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc. Announces Distribution of \$0.48 per Share for Q4 2010

Houston, TX – December 16, 2010 – Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”) (NYSE:KYE) announced today its quarterly distribution of \$0.48 per share for the period September 1, 2010 to November 30, 2010.

The distribution for the quarter ended November 30, 2010 will be payable on January 14, 2011 to common stockholders of record on December 31, 2010, with an ex-dividend date of December 29, 2010. It is anticipated that none of this distribution will be treated as a return of capital for tax purposes. The final determination of such treatment will be made in early 2011 when the Fund can determine its earnings and profits. The final tax status of the distribution may differ substantially from this preliminary information.

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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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