

Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc. Provides Unaudited Balance Sheet Information and Announces Its Net Asset Value and Asset Coverage Ratio at January 31, 2009

HOUSTON, TX – February 2, 2009 – Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”) (NYSE: KYE) today provided a summary unaudited balance sheet and announced its net asset value and asset coverage ratio under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”) as of January 31, 2009.

As of January 31, 2009, the Fund’s net assets were \$459 million and its net asset value per share was \$13.91. As of January 31, 2009, the Fund’s asset coverage ratio under the 1940 Act with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness was 378%.

Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc.
Balance Sheet
January 31, 2009
(Unaudited)

	(in millions)
Investments	\$ 588.4
Repurchase agreements and cash	52.7
Accrued income	6.2
Receivable for securities sold	4.1
Other assets	1.3
Total assets	<u>652.7</u>
Short-term borrowings	-
Senior notes	165.0
Total leverage	<u>165.0</u>
Payable for securities purchased	21.5
Other liabilities	7.4
Total liabilities	<u>28.9</u>
Net assets	<u>\$ 458.8</u>

33.0 million common shares currently outstanding

As of January 31, 2009, equity and fixed income investments were 79% and 21%, respectively, of the Fund’s long-term investments of \$588 million. Long-term investments were comprised of MLPs and MLP

Affiliates (56%), U.S. and Canadian Royalty Trusts (12%), Marine Transportation (9%), Coal (2%) and Energy Debt (21%).

The Fund's ten largest holdings by issuer at January 31, 2009 were:

	Units/Par (\$ (in thousands))	Amount (\$ millions)	Percent of Long-Term Investments
1. Kinder Morgan Management, LLC (MLP Affiliate)	2,234	\$97.1	16.5%
2. Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (Pipeline MLP)	1,309	49.5	8.4%
3. Enbridge Energy Management, L.L.C. (MLP Affiliate)	1,157	35.3	6.0%
4. Enterprise Products Partners L.P. (Pipeline MLP)	1,301	28.6	4.9%
5. Navios Maritime Holdings Inc. (Marine Transportation)	\$25,250	14.8	2.5%
6. Athabasca Oil Sands Corp. (Canadian Upstream)	\$19,500	12.7	2.2%
7. Enerplus Resources Fund (Canadian Royalty Trust)	572	11.8	2.0%
8. Petrohawk Energy Corporation (Upstream)	\$12,500	11.5	2.0%
9. El Paso Corporation (Midstream)	\$12,050	11.4	1.9%
10. DHT Maritime, Inc. (Marine Transportation)	1,795	11.1	1.9%

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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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